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Mount Jefferson Church Active

By Rev. T. I. Smith

To review the winter months of Dec., Jan., and Feb., now that "the flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds is come", — the first winter snow fell Saturday, Dec. 8 and by morning (Sunday morning), everything was under a 7-inch blanket of snow. This meant that numbers were somewhat down, nevertheless the Children's Choir furnished the special music; and in the evening — when the Ashe County Music Club presented the Cantata and Christmas Festival Music in a union service — the church was full including the balcony. The sacred music was given in the sanctuary, after which the audience crossed the corridor into the Hall for carol and festival music around a cheery fire in the open fireplace.

The following Sabbath, Dec. 16, in the evening, the Women-of-the-Church had the Joy Gift Supper — a most happy time about the tables — followed by a program in which Mr. Jack Jarret sang the splendid carol, "O Holy Night", and Mrs. Bill Neumann gave a magnificent presentation of "Mary's Story" — the record of the Nativity as told by our Lord's mother.

Christmas Sunday (Dec. 23), the Sunday School hour was completely given to the children, who had recitations and a splendidly acted dramatization of The Cobbler's Christmas. The sermon at the Worship Hour was upon "God's Gift of a Son"; and in the evening, the program was talentedly presented in the Hall by the Children's Choir and the Youth of the Church, whose bringing of the Christmas story to us upon the stage showed the effect of a lot of dedicated preparation. After the play, there followed the entrance of Santa, the gifts about the tree, and the treat for all. It was a Merry Christmas occasion.

The last Sunday of the year, being a fifth Sunday, the Mt. Jefferson Choir went to the Grandview Rest Home at 9:00 in the morning to furnish the music for Dr. Stone's service there. December saw hospitalized Mrs. Kathy Ham Howell and Mr. Bill Calloway, but happily both are out and back to work again.

January of 1974 saw the early return of Daylight Saving Time. And on the first Sunday of the year, the congregation observed the Sacrament of Communion: how right a way to enter the unknown of a New Year! In the afternoon the Sacrament was taken to shut-ins.

January passed very quickly this year, but not without the good news of a daughter being born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson; and the anxious

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Three Welcomed Into Laurel Fork Church

On February 3, at the morning service, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Auman and their son, Steve, were received into the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

The Aumans have recently moved into the Laurel Springs Section and take an active part in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. The Aumans were former members of the Flagstone Presbyterian Church of Mooresville, N. C. and at their request their certificate was transferred to the membership of the Laurel Fork Church. We welcome the Aumans into the Laurel Fork Church and wish for them a happy fellowship. Steve Auman has been very useful as our adult Sunday School Teacher as well as other activities of the church.

Louis Yelanjian Fills In At Glendale

Mr. Yelanjian has been filling the pulpit from time to time at Glendale Springs. Mr. Yelanjian is an excellent student of the Bible and preaches on very vital subjects. Some of the subjects are: "Who has done more good to you — God or the Devil?" "With whom do you want to spend eternity?" Mr. Yelanjian is strong on giving and preaches on stewardship. He has created quite a good deal of interest in the church. We appreciate his work while Rev. J. W. Luke is retiring.

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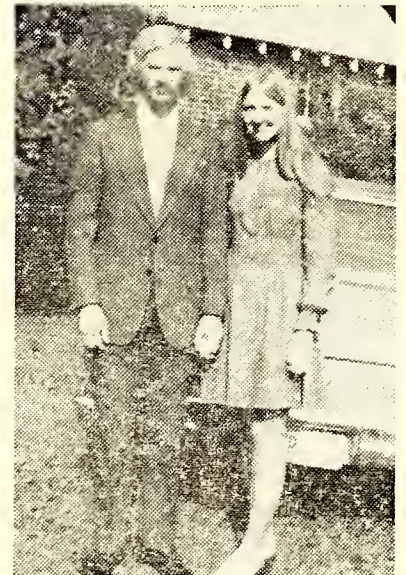
Lansing Church Has Many Activities

Miss Patty Ham was married to Mr. Jimmy Childress at the Gillespie Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday, February 23. Mr. Bryan Stamper was in charge of the service.

Plans are being completed for Christian Voluntary Work Camps on the Lansing Field. Senior high groups from Orlando, Florida, Montgomery, Alabama, Greenville, South Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina, Huntsville, Alabama, and Jackson, Tennessee will conduct Bible Schools, direct youth activities, and perform manual labor in Lansing and outlying areas.

Mrs. Ella Mae Clark has assumed her duties as visitor and youth director on the Lansing Field. Encouraging results are already in evidence of Mrs. Clark's efforts on her new job.

Mr. Bryan Stamper, youth director
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MR. AND MRS. MIKE JOHNSON

Mike And Diana Johnson In Austria

Recently we received a card from Mike and Diana Johnson from Austria, where they are studying language so that they may take part in the Greater European Mission Work. Mike, as many in this field know was a student at Columbia Bible College and worked in the Glendale Springs Field for two summers. We pray for a great success for Mike and his wife, Diana, in the work they are starting in for the Lord.

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The Spirit Of Easter**— EDITORIAL —**

We speak of the Spirit of Christmas and what do we mean by this? When Christmas comes we greet each other with a Merry Christmas. Old grudges are forgotten and we wish good will to everyone. We show our Christmas spirit also by the giving of gifts and doing good deeds. Why this good will? Why this gift giving spirit? God showed the way. He is the one who set the example of giving — for "He gave his only begotten Son at Christmas time." It was God that sent the first Christmas greetings by a host of angels, who sang — "Peace on earth and good will to men." This was the beginning of the Christmas Spirit which we all catch at the birth of the Christ Child.

Do we have the spirit of Easter, and what is it and why? Easter came three days after the Passover Feast when Christ was crucified. The Passover Feast was governed by the spring moon as the Jewish calendar used the moon to arrange their time rather than the sun. Easter is set as the first Sunday after the full moon next after March 21. What has this to do with the Easter Spirit? When Jesus died on the cross, just before he died, He gave out a victory cry, "It is finished". He did not say I am finished. Christ meant by this that his work for the salvation of souls was complete by his death. His sacrifice on the cross was complete. The victory on the cross did not end there. The victory was completed three days later at the tomb where the body of Jesus was laid. Three days later the angels at the tomb proved his victory as they said, "He is not here, why seek ye the living among the dead?" Three days later an open and empty tomb proved his victory, three days later the living presence of Christ as He called the name of the weeping Mary, later he proved his victory by speaking to the disciples and the touch of his peared hands and side. The spirit of Easter is Victory — Christ has broken

Custom And Calvary

By Rev. John S. Johnson

It was custom in Christ's day by many in the Church to think more of keeping rules than doing right; of doing what the Bible says rather than on being what it brings; reverence for rules rather than respect for right. This custom turned Christ's road sharply in the direction of Calvary.

Around the pool of Bethesda was "a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed." One of them was a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. We are not told what his trouble was. He could barely drag himself around. Jesus said, "Take up your bed and walk." A tiny bit South, was a magnificent Church. We wonder if its leaders who condemned Jesus so harshly, for healing this man on the Sabbath, ever took any notice of those decrepit people. We are told that this was why those good church people "persecuted Jesus, because he did this on the Sabbath." This brought upon him the open and declared hostility of the leaders of the Church of his day. Jesus did not object to rules, as helps. "He went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day." But he put people above fixed ideas. This was not the first occasion that his love for people, over and above his regard for good rules and good church customs, had upset and infuriated righteous people. But it was over this particular case that the breach suddenly yawned wide open. It was here that Christ's road turned definitely in the direction of Calvary.

It was a clear cut issue of a legalistic interpretation of Scripture, over and against the compassion for human beings on the part of Christ. He was well aware that in healing this man on this day that he had broken the Sabbath from the Church's way of understanding the Bible. Healing was a form of work, and no work should be done on the Sabbath. They did al-

len Satan's power. Christ has forgiven sin, Christ has conquered death, and best of all, His Presence is with us, He lives.

God seems to have arranged the time of the resurrection at a most hopeful time of the year — the spring time, when flowers burst forth from the frozen earth, when the fields put on their fresh green coats studded with bouquets of flowers, when the trees trim their bare limbs with new leaves, when the frogs peep, and fish leap, and the song birds burst forth in song again. Surely God has allowed nature all about us to proclaim that life overcomes death, that Christ has arisen.

In the eastern church, I understand it is the custom of the Christians to greet each other on Easter morn with these words, as they meet one another, "Christ is risen", the answer by the other is, "He is risen indeed!"

Let us greet one another with these words this Easter season: "Christ Is Risen" may our hearts answer, "He Is Risen Indeed!"

May the Easter spirit make your heart happy this Easter, and may the Living Christ be with you.

Miss Rose And Mr. Hart Marry

On December the 8, at 4 p. m. the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church was the setting for the marriage of Mary Evelyn Rose and Danny Hart.

Mary Evelyn is the daughter of the late Wade Rose and Mrs. Gwendolyn Louise Rose Ashley. Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hart of Laurel Springs, N. C.

John Scott and Virginia Lynn Rose, the brother and sister of the bride stood with her in the wedding. Rev. J. W. Luke officiated the ceremony. The families of the bride and groom were present at the wedding. We wish these young people God's richest blessings.

Bob Ziebarth And Hans Taul Visit

On Feb. 10, Bob Ziebarth and Hans Taul visited the Glendale Springs Field. They drove up from Columbia Bible College and spent Saturday night. Sunday was a day of visiting and holding a service at Bethel church. We enjoyed the visit and hope the young men can come again soon. Bob as we know is from Michigan, and Hans is from Austria.

True Sayings

The Kingdom of God is made up of forgiven people who forgive one another. (Ashe Pres.)

No church ever saved a community by quarreling among themselves.

I know a lot of people who desecrate Sunday on Saturday night.

Most church quarrels arise over some one's rights, not over some one's prayers. (Roy Smith)

God has given us tongues that we may say something pleasant to our fellow men. (Heinrich Heins)

"Until a man has found God, he begins at no beginning; he works to no end." (H. G. Wells)

low for works of necessity and mercy on the Sabbath. But they figured that a man who had been ill for 38 years could wait one more day. Jesus saw need now. On top of this he had said, "Take up your bed and walk." This was telling the man to bear a burden. They took quite a literal view of Jeremiah 17:21, "Do not bear a burden on the Sabbath day." Jesus had deliberately told a man to break the Sabbath. The "bed" was just a light, flexible mat which could be rolled up and carried under the arm. But to religious rulers, with a fixed faith in their interpretation, to strong believers who rated rules more righteous than care, this was a deliberate violation of Bible law.

Custom was broken. Compassion was lighted. Jesus must pay. He cared more about the misery in the body and the sickness in the soul, than he did about a rigid reliance upon a Bible rule. Many could not tolerate the challenge to custom. It pointed him to Calvary.

Christmas Pageant Given At Glendale

This Christmas, 1973, the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church had a beautiful pageant which was the idea of Elder Delmer Rose. Christmas music along with the scenes of prophets and manger scene worked out well and made a very attractive celebration in our Lord's birth. The scene which you see in the paper was taken by Mr. Ahn, from South Korea, who teaches karate in the adjoining memorial building, and attends services at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH ACTIVE

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news of Jim McLaurin having to be taken to the hospital twice. We thank God that Jim is up and out again.

February's first Sunday (Feb. 3) had as its speciality, the afternoon Fone Arts Festival program sponsored by the Jeffersons Junior Women's Club. On this occasion, Miss Elizabeth Barlow's Beaver Creek "Beaverteers" — a drama club of the high school — gave skit presentations from a number of plays.

On Monday, Feb. 11, the first quarterly meeting of the year for the combined boards of the Church convened, and the report of 1973 was heard — truly the Lord has blessed the church. There had been no school that day on account of snow, and the nation's fuel situation was noted. So it was that the following Sunday, the Young People decided that their evening meetings would be on first Sundays of each month till the crisis should be over.

February has passed quickly too, but ere it slipped away, the Lee Eldreths had the happy experience of moving into, and dedicating, their brand new home. Shalom to the Eldreths!

Wait On!

To talk with God,
No breath is lost —
Talk on!

To walk with God,
No strength is lost —
Walk on!

To wait on God,
No time is lost —
Wait on!

LANSING CHURCH HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

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on the Lansing Field in recent summers, has completed doctoral studies at the University of Edinburg. Bryan has assisted his father on the Lansing Field during February and will continue his services during March.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson, a leading member of the White Top Church, recently experienced serious illness in her family by two brothers and a sister. We offer our prayers in the interest of these fine people and our condolences to Mrs. Johnson.



GLENDAL SPRINGS 1973 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. This scene was taken by Mr. Ahn, Karate instructor.

Easter Services

On Easter morning a sun rise worship service commemorating the resurrection of Christ, will be held at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The service is set at 7 a. m. The men volunteered to serve breakfast refreshments after the service.

On Easter Sunday night an evening service will be held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Two splendid moving pictures are planned for this service. The pictures planned for this service are "Stones Cry Out" and "The Sounds of Love". The first picture is one which deals with the many archeological discoveries that prove the truth of the Word of God. The other picture is one which pic-

tures the Christian experiences of three women who went through terrific troubles in their lives. They are Corrie Ten Boom who was tortured by the Germans, Marie Von Trapp who escaped from Germany and is pictured in the "The Sound of Music" and Dale Evans, the wife of Roy Rogers who witnesses for Christ in her wonderful life. The evening service will begin at 7:30 p. m. and every one is invited to this wonderful film service.

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REV. DAVID WALLACE

Two Great Men's Birthdays Are In Feb.

By Rev. J. W. Luke

February is the birthday of two great men in the history of the United States, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln was born in LaRue County, Ky., Feb. 12, 1809. His father was Thomas Lincoln who married Nancy Hanks. Abraham was brought up in a hard working, pioneer life. The ax was his constant tool. He was remarkably strong, had a good mind and wit. He practiced law and was elected as president during the difficult Civil War years.

Some of Lincoln's political enemies charged him as being a scoffer of Christianity. Lincoln replied: "I have never denied the truth of the Scripture, and I do not think I could myself be brought to uphold a man for office, whom I knew to be an open enemy of and scoffer of religion."

I would like to point out in a few paragraphs some of the evidences of Lincoln's Christian beliefs.

In 1847 Lincoln gave a large family Bible to his wife, Mary. Recently Lincoln's devotional book was discovered with his name in it. It is entitled "The Believers Daily Treasurer." I have a copy of this devotional book which Lincoln carried with him and constantly read it each day.

He went to church with his wife and took part in church life with his wife who was a member, but he never united with a church. He rented a pew, which was the custom in those days, for the family to sit in at worship. Later in life when he moved to Washington, D. C. he attended the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church. The historical pew in which he worshipped is still in the church. I had the opportunity of sitting in it for a few minutes.

Lincoln was a praying man. The sculptured statue of Lincoln in prayer is in the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D. C. The sculptor of Lincoln in prayer was Herbert Spence-

David Wallace Does A Good Job At Bethel

The Bethel Church is grateful to have David Wallace teach Sunday School at their church. Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace live in Wilkesboro, N. C. The Wallaces have added much to the life of Bethel Church. David is the adult teacher in the Sunday School and helps on the session as an elder.

er Houck, and he was led to make this statue which is called "Lincoln in Prayer" by Mr. Houck's grandfather who came upon Lincoln kneeling in the leaves of the woods praying near the battleground of Gettysburg.

A friend of Lincoln's while staying in the White House states: "I saw the sight which I have never forgotten. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible . . . his back was toward me. I shall never forget his

prayer."

"Oh, thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs, of this nation without Thy help O God, Hear me and save this nation."

Toward the end of the war Senator Charles Sumner of Mass. spoke of Jefferson Davis, the leader of the south, "Do not allow him to escape the law — he must be hanged" Lincoln calmly replied, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" — Lincoln knew the Bible and tried to carry out its precepts.

A congress from Connecticut asked Lincoln, "Since you know the Bible and are interested in it, Why do you not join a church?" Lincoln said, "When I find a church that will put the Saviour's statement over their doors, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself,' that church will I join with all my heart and soul."

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Rev. Lewis Meets With Glendale

On Feb. 23 Rev. S. E. Lewis drove up from Mooresville, N. C. to confer with the pulpit committee of the Glendale Springs Field to talk over plans to secure a permanent minister for the field, in the place of Rev. J. W. Luke who is honorably retired because of retirement age. Mr. Lewis is the Chairman of the Minister and Work Committee of the Concord Presbytery. The pulpit committee consisted of Mrs. Wheeling Miller and June Hart from Laurel Fork Church; Mrs. Faye Shepherd, and Mrs. Gladys Wyatt from Bethel Church; and Mrs. Juanita Dancy, Mr. Ted Caudill and Mr. Delmer Rose from the Glendale Springs Church. After plans were worked out part of the group ate dinner at Lee's Country Restaurant at Glendale Springs, N. C. The picture in this paper is one of Mr. Lewis and part of the pulpit committee.

Baby Boy Born To Mr. And Mrs. Ahn

We just heard about the baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Ahn at the Ashe County Hospital on March 14. We congratulate the Ahns at the birth of their baby boy whose name is Steve Yun Ahn. Mr. Ahn teaches Karate at several schools, one of which is in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. The name of Mr. Ahn's school is Ahn's Tae Kwon-Do School and is training in Korean Self-Defense. Mr. Ahn is a Master Instructor 4th degree Black belt.

George Washington, The Christian Man

Since we have just celebrated the birthday of the Father of our Country, Washington, I would like to write a few things about the foundation of his character. Why was George Washington great?

He was great because he had a firm faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ. A few statements by men who knew him will verify this. A few statements by Washington will give you the convictions of his heart.

FASTING AND PRAYER — June 1st. Wednesday — Went to Church, and fasted all day. (Washington)

PRIVATE DEVOTION — "I accidentally witnessed Washington's private devotion in his library, both morning and evening. On these occasions, I saw him in a kneeling posture, with a Bible open before him, I believe such to have been his daily practice." (Robert Lewis — Neph. Private Secretary)

Easter Greetings.

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of Washington)

A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN — "We esteem it a peculiar happiness, to behold, in our Chief Magistrate, a steady, uniform avowed friend of the Christ-

ian religion . . . and who in his private conduct, adorns the doctrine of the Gospel of Christ." (Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church — May, 1789)

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STEVE AUMAN

Steve Auman Helps Laurel Fork Church

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Auman and their son, Steve, have united with the Laurel Fork Presbyterian. The Aumans are from Mooresville, N. C. where they were members of The Flagstone Presbyterian Church. Steve has taken an active part in the church work since they have moved into the Laurel Springs Community. Steve teaches the adult class and will help as the clerk of the Session. The congregation appreciates the work of Steve so much they wish to make Steve a full fledged elder in the church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE CHRISTIAN MAN

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WASHINGTON ON PROFANITY AND DRUNKENNESS — The General most earnestly requires, and expects, a due observance of those articles of war, established for the Government of the army, which forbids profane cursing, swearing, and drunkenness." (General Orders — July 4, 1775)

WASHINGTON TELLS OF DIVINE PROTECTION — "... by the miraculous care of Providence, that protected me beyond all human expectation; I had 4 bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, and yet

escaped unhurt." (Spoken to John Augustine Washington, July 18, 1755)

GRATITUDE TO GOD BY A NATION — "... it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God ..." (Thanks. Pro. Oct. 3, 1789)

WASHINGTON BELIEVED IN REVELATION — "... above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation, have had a meliorating influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society. (Circular to the States — June 8, 1783)

WASHINGTON INSPIRES HIS MEN TO BE CHRISTIANS — "... The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man, will endeavor so to live, and act, as becomes a Christian soldier defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country." (General Orders, July 9, 1761)

WASHINGTON BELIEVED IN MORAL BEHAVIOUR — "... for no man, who is profligate in his morals, or a bad member of the civil community, can possibly be a true Christian, or a credit to his own religious society." (To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. May 26, 1789)

WASHINGTON ALWAYS HAD GRACE AT THE TABLE — "We are

not graceless at Mount Vernon." (Note said he always said grace at the table)

WASHINGTON A MEMBER OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH — "He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church." (Rev. D. Jarratt, 1800)

WASHINGTON LED AND PRAYED WITH HIS REGIMENT — "... he has frequently known Washington on the Sabbath, read the Scriptures, and pray with his regiment, in the absence of the chaplain. (Rev. M. I. Weems, 1808)

WASHINGTON FUNERAL SERVICE IN PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE ALEXANDER, VA. When Washington died Dec. 29, 1799 the funeral was held in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on account of impassable roads to his own church, Christ Church (Episcopal Church). He attended the Presbyterian Church quite often the record states.

THEY HAVE NOT DIED

"I tell you they have not died, Their hands clasp yours and mine; They are but glorified, They have become divine. They live! They know! They see! They shout with every breath: All is eternal life! There is no death!"

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In Memoriam

CHARLIE B. ROYAL

Charlie B. Royal of Rt. 1, McGrady, N. C. passed away at the age of 53. He was born in Wilkes County to Nathan and Samantha Royal, and was employed by the American Drew Furniture Co., at North Wilkesboro.

He leaves his widow, Lessie Royal and one daughter and three sons as well as one step-daughter and three step-sons to mourn his passing.

The funeral was held at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in North Wilkesboro, N. C. May God bless and comfort those who are left.

ADDIE MAE DARNELL DICKERSON

Addie Mae Dickerson was born Feb. 2, 1907 and passed away Dec. 2, 1973. The funeral services were held in the Ashelawn Memorial Chapel on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 1 p. m. by Rev. Lonnie Miller, Dr. R. H. Stone and J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Glendale Springs Episcopal Church Cemetery. May God bless and comfort the loved ones who mourn her passing.

CECIL SHEPHERD

Cecil Shepherd was born June 28, 1939 and passed away on Jan. 20, 1974. Cecil was the son of the late Bill Shepherd and Mrs. Lessie Shepherd Royal of McGrady, N. C. He leaves his widow, Barbara, four daughters and one son to mourn his passing, as well as brothers and sisters and his mother. Services were held in the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel, on Wed., Jan. 23, 1974. Rev. Bud Shepherd and J. W. Luke conducted the funeral and interment was in the Mountlawn Memorial Park.

VIAR ROTEN

Viar Roten was born in Wilkes County July 8, 1909 and passed away Feb. 8, 1974. His mother was Ida Roten of Wilkes County. He leaves six daughters and 3 sons, as well as two brothers and one sister and 20 grandchildren to mourn his passing. Funeral services were held in the Free Will Baptist Church of Glendale Springs, N. C. Viar made his peace with God in the last days of his life. Interment was in the Miller Cemetery of the Ebenezer Community. May God comfort his large family.

JUDGE BUXTON MILLER

Judge Buxton Miller was born Aug. 11, 1876 and passed away on January 12, 1974, making his stay in this life, 97 years. Mr. Miller was born in Wilkes County and was a retired farmer. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mary Ellen Stanley of Millers Creek, N. C., Mrs. Venie McGee of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Ruth Dillard of Jefferson, Mrs. Clyde Pierce of West Jefferson, Mrs. Violet Miller of Wilbar, and one son, Grant Miller of Wilbar, N. C.

Mr. Miller was one of the most beloved men of this area and was a fine Christian. He attended the Holiness Church of Glendale Springs and was true to his Christian Faith. Funeral services were held in the Holiness Church by Rev. Lonnie Miller, Tommie Salmons and J. W. Luke. Interment was in the Sam Miller Cemetery, Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEN DANCY

Ben Dancy passed away at the age of 49, after a long period of illness. He married Ruth Walker and leaves his widow and three sons to mourn his passing. The testimony of those who saw him in his last days was that he had sincerely made his peace with God. Funeral services were held in the New Light Baptist Church on Feb. 13 at 2 p. m. by Revs. Gwyn Kilby, Munsey Ashley, J. W. Luke. Our sympathy and prayer are for the comfort of his family.

BANA LAURA HAM ROSE

Bana Laura Ham Rose was born Dec. 8, 1900 and passed away in an accident on Feb. 8, 1974. Mrs. Rose was the wife of Weaver Rose the brother of Arthur Rose of Glendale Springs, N. C. Mrs. Rose leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, and three daughters: Mrs. Della DeBoard of Chilhowie, Va., Mrs. Ada Howard, and Mrs. Betty Jessup of Durham, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the Ashelawn Memorial Chapel and interment was in the Bethel Cemetery. Mrs. Rose was a faithful Christian and member of the Bethel Baptist Church. May God comfort her husband and family.

THOMAS ALLEN JOHNSON

Thomas Allen Johnson of Rt. 2, West Jefferson, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10 at his home. Those who mourn his passing are his daughter, Mrs. Irene Davis of Washington, D. C. and four sisters: Mrs. Pearl Adams of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Mrs. Ina Bare of Glendale Springs, N. C., Mrs. Mae Phillips of West Jefferson, Mrs. Daisy Dancy of Baltimore, Md. and two brothers, Clate Johnson or West Jefferson, Warner Johnson of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Johnson was a good Christian and a well liked neighbor and citizen. Funeral services were held at Ashelawn Memorial Chapel on Wed., Feb.

13, 1974, at 2 p. m. by Elder Dewey Roten and Eddie Lyle. Comfort and sympathy are to those who mourn the passing of this good man.

FRANCIS MARION ALLEN

Francis Allen passed away Friday, Feb. 22 at the age of 81 years. He made his home in the Ore Knob Community and his address was Jefferson, N. C. Mr. Allen was born in Illinois and lived in Ashe County a greater part of his life. He was a member of the Low Gap Presbyterian Church, and was a faithful Christian. He leaves to mourn his passing, his widow, Dare Bard Allen, a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Parsons of Kingsport, Tenn., two sons, Clifton and W. B. Allen of Jefferson, N. C. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Ruby Handy of Grassy Creek, and Mrs. Gladys Austin of Laurel Springs, N. C. Mr. Allen was a retired farmer and carpenter. He was main carpenter in building the Low Gap Presbyterian Church. Well done thou faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord. May God bless and comfort his loved ones is our prayer. The funeral service was held at the Ashelawn Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 24 by Revs. Stone and Luke.

FEODORE J. PENDRY

Feodore James Pendry, called by his friends, "C" Pendry, passed away Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Wesley Lawn Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. Pendry was born Jan. 10, 1887 which makes his life here 87 years. He was the son of James and Hannah Hinshaw Pendry, and was born not far from the place he made his own home after marrying Miss Bessie Woodie.

Surviving are four sons: James Guy of Bristol, Tenn., Buford of Charlotte, Clifford of Ennice, N. C. Leonard of Lakeland, Fla., and five daughters, Mrs. Johnsie Sheets of Greensboro, (Continued on page 8)

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Miss Linnea Miller Reports On Tour

(From The "Enlightener")

Our report on the Youth Tour to Washington comes to us from Linnea Miller, the youth tourist from Alleghany District. Linnea is a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

As a delegate on the 1973 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D. C., three events were of special interest to me: The Stuttgart Ballet, tour of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's buildings, and the White House.

One of the most impressive events was the evening at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where the Stuttgart Ballet, and professional ballet company, performed.

Another interesting place we toured was the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On this tour, clerks in training to become FBI agents guided us.

On a very special tour, all the Rural Electric Youth Tourists from 29 states went in a motorcade to the White House. We were addressed by the President's daughter, Mrs. Julie N. Eisenhower. Mrs. Eisenhower spoke of her support of the rural electric systems, and the youth of today, to over one thousand Youth Tour winners.

These three events were only a part of the educational and enjoyable tours that we had the opportunity to be a part of, but these three were my personal favorites.

REA Tour Made By Linnea Miller

Miss Linnea Miller of Laurel Fork who is an outstanding student in the Alleghany High School wins a tour to Washington, D. C. representing the Alleghany District.

Linnea took part in a special tour, of youth tourists from 29 states who went about Washington in a motorcade.

There were three events which Linnea especially enjoyed, the Stuttgart Ballet, the federal Bureau of Investigation's building, and the White House.

At the White House, Linnea, says "We were addressed by the President's daughter, Mrs. Julie N. Eisenhower. Following her speech, Mrs. Eisenhower led the youth tour up the drive to a "ropes-down" tour of the first two floors of the White House."

We congratulate Linnea of winning a place in this splendid tour, and enjoyed her write up of the trip in the "Enlightener."

Four Unite With Glendale Church

The Glendale Springs Church gives a warm welcome to the following who united with this church a few months ago — Darrell Severt, Cynthia Severt, Robert Severt. Gary Poe was received last month in the Glendale Church. May God bless those who come into the fellowship with us. May their lives be enriched spiritually is our prayer.

IN MEMORIAM (Continued from Page 7)

Mrs. Bernice Miller, Jefferson, Mrs. Iva Dale Richardson of Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. Elizabeth Choate of Glade Valley, Mrs. Donna Phillips of Ft. Meade, Md. A brother, Burt Pendry of Hays, and a sister, Lessie Byrd of Kettle Falls, Washington State.

Mr. Pendry in his early years was a sheep herder in the west, and then came back to Ashe County as a farmer and mail carrier for a number of years where he raised his family.

Some years ago he professed Christ as his Saviour and became a charter member and elder in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, where he remained a faithful Christian. Mr. Pendry was an active, honest and dependable person to all his duties. May we say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." May God bless and comfort those who shall miss him, and follow the example of a good Christian servant.

ELLA MAE PARSONS BARD

Mrs. Ella Mae Bard passed away March 3 at her home in Glendale Springs, N. C. She was the widow of the late George Bard. Mrs. Bard was a member of the Obids Baptist Church and the funeral was held at her church. Mrs. Bard was born in Ashe County. Three daughters survive her:

Mrs. Zelma Wolfe of McArthur, W. Va., Mrs. Maethean Bard of Worthington, Ohio, Mrs. Marcelus Baker of Glendale Springs; and four sons, Leonard Wade Bard of Columbus, Ohio, Dennis Bard of Wytheville, Va., George Carl Bard of Taylorsville, N. C. Three sisters and one brother also mourn her passing. Mrs. Bard was a splendid mother, a sincere Christian and a good neighbor to all. We feel she has gone to her reward in her Father's home in Heaven. May God by his grace bring comfort to her family.

SQUIRE HAMBY

Squire Allen Hamby was born June 18, 1880 and passed away on March 4, 1974 at the age of 93 years. Mr. Hamby is a retired farmer and store keeper and has been a well known citizen in the Obids community for a number of years. He was a member of the Obids Baptist Church for a long time. Mr. Hamby was a very friendly man to all and spent his years diligently and industriously as long as he was able. Those who mourn his passing are three daughters: Mrs. Carrie Hudler, Mrs. Allie Severt of West Jefferson, Mrs. Fannie Bare of Mocksville, and two sons: Gwyn Hamby, Annandale, Va. Leonard Hamby of Statesville, N. C. Three sisters also survive: Mrs. Ella Dancy, Mrs. Bessie Phillips, of West Jefferson, and Mrs. Lillie Lyles of Glendale Springs, N. C. May God comfort those who mourn at the passing of Squire Hamby, he shall be missed.

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WOMEN AT GLENDALE SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH are active in many activities.

Many Activities In Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

The spring months of March, April, and May in 1974, began with cars lined up at filling stations to get a quota of transportation fuel. The shortage meant fewer young people's second meetings on the church day, but the Communicants Class went forward weekly as in past years. Also throughout the Lenten period, the practice of the once-a-week sacrificial meal resulted in a generous Easter contribution to the national "Great Hour of Sharing" offering.

On Sunday evening of March 17, the church had its first Fellowship Supper of the year, and heard the very interesting Ecumenical Mission speaker, Mrs. Jack Ramseur. That same week, March 19, Mt. Jefferson was represented at Presbytery's Area 7 meeting at Banner Elk by Mrs. Jo'n Johnson (Moderator of Area 7), Mrs. Ivan Miller, Miss Jean Smith, and the minister. Still the same week, March 22, the church let the Young People of the community use its porch facilities for the raising of March of Dimes funds by their "Rockathon".

On Sunday, March 24, we welcomed Attorney J. D. Reeves and his wife, Mary Alice, into our church membership. This was a most happy occasion, but March had its sadness too. Mr. Ballard Faw died on March 4; and Mr. (Continued on page 4)

Ahns Unite With Glendale Church; Baby Boy Baptised

On Mother's Day, May 12 Mr. and Mrs. Yun Ju Ahn united with the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ahn who had been baptised in Korea in the Presbyterian Church was received by restatement of his faith in Christ. Mrs. Ahn who professed her belief in Christ was baptised and was received in the church.

The Ahn's baby boy was Christened at the same time as Steve Yun Ahn. We pray that God will bless this little one and the Ahns as they come into the fellowship of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Bob Ziebarth To Work In Glendale Field

We congratulate Bob Ziebarth who will graduate from the Columbia Bible College on June 8, in Columbia, S. C.

Bob is planning to work with us this summer in the Glendale Springs Field. Bob as we all know him did good work among the youth last summer and preached, did V. Bible School work and many other lines of service while here.

We are looking forward to having Bob with us. He is planning to live in an apartment in the Louis Yelanjian home.

Danville Pastor Is Elected To Head Glade Valley School

By Bill East

Glade Valley — Dr. George Denning Jackson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Danville, Va., for the past 10 years, has been elected president and chief administrator of Glade Valley School.

The school was established in 1909 near Sparta in Alleghany County as a college-preparatory boarding school for boys and girls.

In recent years it has been operated by a board of trustees under appointment by the Orange and Concord Presbyteries.

Jackson's election was announced by Fred W. Alexander of High Point, chairman of the trustees.

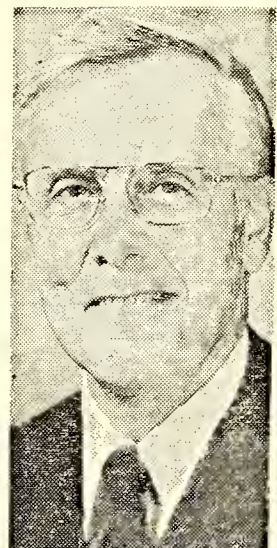
Alexander also announced the appointment of William Byron Scarborough as headmaster. He is a native of Ft. Worth, Tex., and is the grandson of Lawrence Rutland Scarborough, a former president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Jackson will fill a vacancy which has existed since Harry S. Howard resigned as president in 1973. Scarborough will succeed Robert N. Caddell, who has accepted other employment.

Trustees of Glade Valley have been working this spring to improve the school's program and to increase the enrollment. The school has about 60 students now and has a capacity to handle many more.

Jackson, a native of Memphis, Tenn., was a chaplain in the Navy in World War II. He has also served Presbyterian churches at Asheboro, and at Winchester, Va.

Scarborough started his work May 1. He attended Florida Presbyterian (Continued on page 4)



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EDITORIAL

"Heads Or Tails -- Hell Or Heaven"

Here is a little imaginative story that might illustrate the verse Col. 3:13.

"Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: eve as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

A Christian dreamed that he died and went to Heaven. When he came to the beautiful gates. St. Peter met him and let him in and guided him up the golden streets. As the Christian had entered the golden gates, he noticed two men standing on either side of the entrance who would not come in.

Many happy people were entering the Heavenly gates singing songs of joy and praise, but the two men sulked around the entrance and did not seem to want to come in.

The dreamer became very curious and said to St. Peter. "Sir", he said, "My curiosity has been aroused about those two men who sulk at the gates entrance. Why will they not come in?"

St. Peter said, "Ah, it is a sad story. They have been hanging around there for a long time. They will not come in for they have grudges against each other. One says he won't live in Heaven if the other goes in there to live. The other says the same thing about his neighbor.

"What kind of grudges do they have?" the Christian asked.

St. Peter answered, "One is a Democrat and he can not stand to live in Heaven with a Republican. The other is a Republican, and he says he can not stand to live in Heaven with a Democrat. Not only have they had trouble in politics but one says the other owes him a debt and never paid it. They also lived on adjoining farms and had trouble about a line fence, so they say they can't forgive one another and won't live in Heaven if the other goes in.

After St. Peter had escorted the

EDITORIAL To Remember

It's an amazing miracle of modern mentality, the believer's ability to be unaware of the awareness of God. It is like a son rising early one morning, going on a hiking trip all day with his father, yet unbelievably, not speaking a word to his father all day, not seeing him, not even knowing that his father is along. All day the father has been by his side, talking to him, lifting his load, doing things for him, yet the son has forgotten he is there. This is not Christianity. It is insanity. Yet it is popular mentality — unawake, unaware.

Jesus sought to awaken people, including his closest followers to an awareness of this Reality. "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?" "And not one of them is forgotten before God." He tried to bring God down out of the stars into their streets — out of heaven into their homes. One sparrow. Sold on the market for food. Luke puts it here, 5 sparrows for 2 pennies. Matthew says 5 sparrows for 1 penny, perhaps quoting when Jesus was speaking near a different market, or when recession had become depression.

Sparrows were used for food. Most

Christian up the golden streets to his mansion in Heaven, he went back to the men at the gate to see if he could settle their dispute.

St. Peter said to the men at the gate, "If you two men cannot settle your trouble, I will settle it for you. I will throw up this coin and he who wins the call can go into Heaven and he who loses will go to Hell. Are you ready?" He throws up the coin and cries out, "Heads or tails."

The men hesitated, neither would call heads or tails. St. Peter said, "You must settle this dispute or both of you will go to Hell, for we do not allow people who cannot forgive one another to loaf around the gates of Heaven.

One of the men said, "If I get the wrong call, I will go to Hell, and if my neighbor gets the wrong call, he will go to Hell, and I would not feel right if either of us gets the wrong call and goes to Hell."

The other man expressed himself in a similar way, and that he could not enjoy Heaven if he knew his neighbor went to Hell.

St. Peter then said, "Well, then I see you do have some feeling for each other. Remember your differences are left behind on earth and why not forgive one another and enter into Heaven together?"

The men saw the reasonableness of this suggestion and that they did have love toward each other, and for the first time for many years they looked each other in the eye and shook hands with a firm grip, and smiles came over their faces as they embraced one another and said, "Why did not we do this many years ago on earth?"

And so the reconciled and happy neighbors walked down the streets of gold with their arms around each other as the choir sang, "When The Saints Go Marching In". And they lived happily together forever and ever.

Women Of Glendale Birthday Meeting

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church celebrated the birthday meeting on April 15. The women brought covered dishes and a nice meal was enjoyed in the Memorial Building. After business Mrs. Yelanjian taught the Bible lesson.

Besides the celebration of the birthday of the Women of the Church, two of the members celebrated birthdays also. Mrs. Marie Yelanjian was presented with a gift and a birthday cake, which was enjoyed by the women. Mrs. Ret Miller was also presented with a cake by the president, Mrs. Juanita Dancy.

The women decided to work on the flower garden at the front of the church which they cleaned up and plans were made to plant permanent flowers in the bed. The picture shows the women after the meeting and those who had birthdays are seen in the front of the group.

was cheaper at that market than yours. Sparrow was the cheapest sort of meat. Many a time people had seen boys coming to the market place with their sling shot on one arm and a sack full of sparrows on the other, to sell for a few cents. Around 200 years later, as late as in the 3rd century, we learn that the Roman Emperor Diocletian fixed by law the maximum price that 10 sparrows could be sold for much as 7 cents. So nobody ever got rich selling sparrows.

Of all birds the sparrow is probably the least worth remembering. It is likely the duller and least interesting. Of more than 60 species, not a single bird has any color in its feathers. Only one species, the song sparrow, can stir with its song. Yet they seem to be found in almost every clime. To drive a tremendous truth Jesus chose a most common bird. He wanted to make more common an uncommon concern. He even picked out a dead sparrow to point out that not one of them falls to the ground without the Heavenly Father's concern. He was looking at a majestic and yet quite simple fact, that even the most lowly life survives or perishes under the shadow, or shall we say the radiance, of love. If true if the humblest bird life how much more of human heights — each second surrounded by the watchful and tender concern of the Ultimate Other in the Universe.

We cannot forget that the sparrow falls. Our hopes fall. Our dreams die. Our strength weakens. The dust and decay of our overbusy, underbeing existence overtakes us. But we must see not only the sparrow's fall but also its many days of throbbing, joyous, flipping through the air. Nature by itself reveals much of frustration, fear, failure and futility. But, "Fear not, you are of more value than many sparrows." All becomes bearable when we learn to brood on the magnificence of the One who remembers even the falling of one tiny sparrow. From the rising of the sun to its setting He is here, walking with us, working in us, waiting for us to remember the One who remembers.

Carriage For Cannon Made At Glendale

In our cut we have one of the unique carriages for antique cannon manufactured at Glendale Springs by Don Long. Don makes hand made carriages for Civil War cannons and other cannons from different wars and countries. The carriage in the picture was manufactured for Annapolis and was picked up by the large helicopter which landed in a field on top of a hill in Glendale Springs. The Navy or Army will send in a helicopter to carry the carriages to their destination when bought by the U. S. Government for National Parks or other national grounds. It is very interesting to see the shop where these carriages are built — black smith work, and much hard work go into the making of wheels and beams of the rugged models of antiquity. Don is to be commended for the unique work he is doing.

Tribute To Mrs. Martha B. Stone

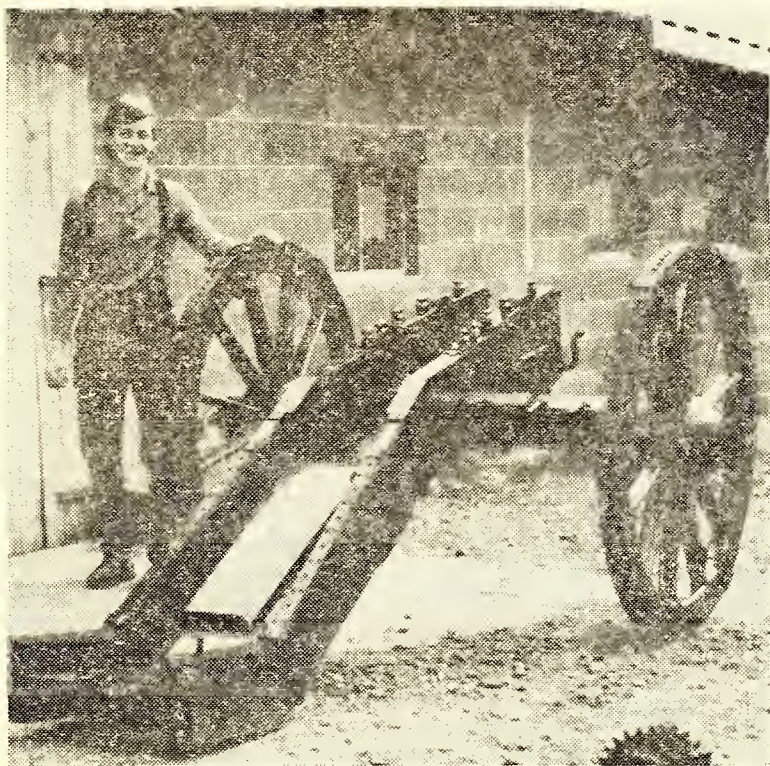
In 1926 (?) on the Seminary Campus in Richmond, Virginia, the young Ham Stone, Theological student extraordinary, had found his girl, Polly Blackwell, and she, sparkling, witty, and unique among Assembly's Training School girls, was captivated by her tall, blonde boy.

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MANY ACTIVITIES IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Frank Miller on March 23. And hospitalized (though home now) were Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Jack Weaver, and Mr. Bill Neumann.

April's early days saw new light covers installed throughout the Educational Building. And on the first Sunday, our Communion Sunday, April 7, little James Hendrix and his sister, Mary Jane, received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism; and we also welcomed into the membership of the church, Mr. Walter Elliott, and Mr. Daniel Eldreth. Afternoon of Communion Sunday, the Sacrament was taken to shut-ins; and some of our membership attended the memorial service to our friend, Rev. Louis Yelanjian.

Good Friday was observed with a meditation on the Second Word from the cross and Easter was a beautiful day both in its connotation and in its sunshine. The Sunrise Service (along with 1973) came up to the largest turnout we have ever had, and following our worship, the men of the church fed everyone a bacon and egg breakfast. The Sunday School hour was given to class-presentations; and the Worship Hour — with its many — was upon our Lord's bringing "Life and Immortality" to light (2 Tim 1:10).

The Sunday following Easter, April 21, was Pulpit Exchange Sunday, when we welcomed Rev. Wendell Brittain and his family into our midst — the Mt. Jefferson minister preached at the First Baptist Church of W. Jefferson). Friday of that week, April 26, Dr. Stone brought to the Church Study the serial pictures of the building of the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church, beginning back nearly 50-years ago, and with Mrs. Robert Barr and the minister helping, the pictures were enclosed in a glassed frame and the multiple picture hung in the hall.

April 30 was observed by numbers of our people as a day of fasting and prayer. And April had its days of concern for our congregation. Hospitalized (but by the Lord's kindness to us, out again) were: Mrs. Dale Baldwin, Mrs. Dayton Pennington, and Mr. Lee Eldreth. Also, all were saddened by the death of Mr. Letcher May, April 27.

May has seemed a short month this year; but in it we lost a great friend of the church in Mrs. R. H. Stone, who was stricken with a fatal heart-attack May 4. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). Mr. Bradley May also suffered a heart-attack, May 4, but got relief after it passed.

On the Sunday of Mother's Day, May 12, the woman of the Bible who was noted in the sermon of the day was Claudia Procula, Pilate's wife, whose thoughts upon Christ must have been many — Matthew 27:19 and Eccl.

5:3a. Our women of Circle 2, on Mother's Day, placed in the church the beautiful large brass vases which have been filled with seasonal flowers ever since. And in the evening of May 12, the Familynight Supper, with a film-strip presentation and offering afterward, was devoted to the Birthday of the "Women-of-the-Church" and their birthday cause.

May 26, the last Sunday of the month — with the sermon on "The Earth Is The Lord's" — our congregation observed Soil-Stewardship Week, as set aside by our soil-conservationist men. And now we look forward to June and the DVBS.

DANVILLE PASTOR IS ELECTED TO HEAD

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College and received his master's degree in education last month from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

His wife, the former Elaine Bolynn of Gastonia, will join the Glade Valley faculty as a teacher.

Bible Schools To Be Held In Glendale

Bible Schools for the three churches in the Glendale Springs Field are being planned. The exact time for these schools have not been set but we hope to publish the dates soon. Material for the schools has been purchased.

Patty Ham, James B. Childers Marry

Miss Patty Ham and James B. Childers were married in the Gillespie Presbyterian Church by Rev. Bryon Stamper.

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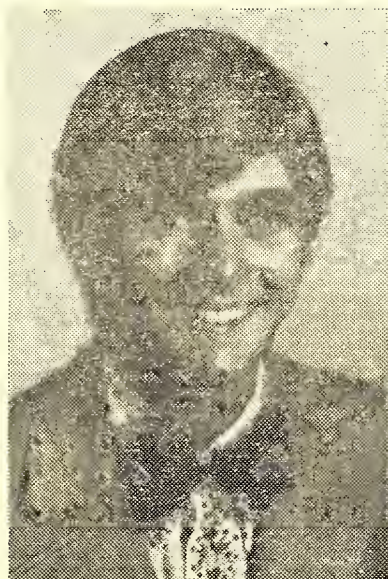
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RANDY SHEETS

Randy Sheets Gives Organ Recital Mar. 31

Randy Sheets who is a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church gave a very credited organ recital in the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheets of Rt. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C. and has been a regular student of Mrs. Robert Gibbs. The following clipping from the paper will tell of Randy winning a music scholarship and his plans to go to St. Andrews College, Laurenburg, N. C.

Randy Sheets Winner Music Scholarship

Randy Sheets, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheets of North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1, was a scholarship winner in the state scholarship finals held March 30 at Salem College in Winston-Salem.

Randy won the Billie Ledford Scholarship of \$125 to the school of his choice in piano competition with nine other contestants from various parts of the state. Previously, Randy had won in local and district competition.

He was sponsored in the state scholarship finals by the Musical Arts Club of North Wilkesboro. He is a music student of Mrs. Robert Gibbs.

Randy has chosen to attend St. Andrews College, where he will major in music.

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News From The Lansing Field

By Rev. Bob Stamper

During the fall and winter months we have continued to run two kindergartens. We have had some difficulty this year with the gas shortage but the work with young children is likely the most productive effort we make. We employ two people regularly with at least one parttime person as a substitute in this program.

This year during the months of June, July and August we are sending some 45 to 60 children to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the offices of some of the dentists who normally provide our dental services here on the field. The dentists feel that they perform a better service when patients are brought to their offices where assistants are available and better equipment is at hand.

Early in the spring we hired a

They alternate each year in their meeting in the churches and pastors alternate in bringing the message. On April 14, this last Easter they met in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church with Rev. J. W. Luke bringing the message.

The church was overflowing with people and the Resurrection spirit was again enjoyed throughout the service. There was a wonderful feeling of fellowship among all who attended.

school teacher here to provide direction for our youth in the area. This is our most difficult task and one that offers the most challenge and the greatest rewards. At least three of our young people are entering college this fall. Miss Mikcal from Lansing, who is head of her class, goes to the University of North Carolina for pre-medicine and Craig Blevins will enter Appalachian State University, Creg Ashley, also of Lansing, goes to Appalachian State University as a recipient of a full scholarship by the Internal Revenue Service, one of only three such scholarships in the Southeast.

During the past year services have been conducted at our four centers with the exception of the last three or four months when, due to the gas limitations, services have not been held at Whitetop. These will resume in June. Services are normally held at 10:00 and 11:00 on Sunday mornings and at 3:00 and 7:30 on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Of major interest in the summer-time is the voluntary work done by groups of Senior Hi and college age young people who come here for one to two weeks each for the purpose of conducting Bible Schools and for performing voluntary manual labor. This includes gardening, building fences, painting homes, repairing churches, working with the elderly, our youth, and any other needs that are evident. This summer groups are scheduled from Orlando, Fla., Montgomery, Ala., Greenville, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., and Jackson, Tenn.

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Rev. Bert Edwards of Bristol, Va. will hold revival July 14-20 at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

40 Kalamazoo Youth Visit Glendale Church

A youth group from the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Mich. will visit the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on August 13 and will be active in painting the Memorial Building. Already the building is being prepared for the youth to go on with this job. The group is led by the Minister of Youth, Rev. Wayne M. Conner, and a married couple who will chaperone them.

While at Glendale Springs the group will cook their own meals and camp in the Memorial Building. They also wish to take some side trips for scenery and entertainment. We plan to have some softball games and other sports with the youth of Glendale Springs, as well as taking part in worship on Sunday while here.

The church from which these young people come from is the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan. This is the church that Mary Frances Luke now Mrs. R. W. Whitmer and her family belong.

The Glendale Springs people will give these young people a hearty welcome into our midst and will try to make their stay with us a happy experience.

Two Moving Pictures Shown On Easter

Easter evening a service of worship was held at Glendale Springs. At this service two moving pictures were shown. The picture "The Stones Cry Out" and a moody film showing many remarkable pictures of the Holy Land and how God has carried out prophecy over the years with reference to the cities and kingdoms of that land. The ruins cry out to us of the truth of God's Word. The second picture was entitled, "Sounds Of Love". This picture featured three Christian Women



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who went through persecution and trials in the testing of their faith. Dale Evans, Maria Von Trapp, and Corrie Ten Boom told the story of their faith. These pictures were enjoyed by all.

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Tribute To The Late Louis Yelanjian

The Rev. Louis Justine Yelanjian of Glendale Springs, a retired Presbyterian Minister and former executive secretary of Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital at Danbury, passed away March 30 at the Ashe Memorial Hospital of Jefferson, N. C. He was born in Tomorza, Armenia, Aug. 17, 1896.

Mr. Yelanjian came to America from Armenia in 1913 and lived with his father in Milwaukee, Wisc. His family was killed during the invasion of the Turkish Army in his native land.

He graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., and graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He also received the B. A. degree from the Birmingham Southern College, and did graduate work in the Biblical Seminary in New York and also in Duke University.

As pastor he served in Birmingham, Ala. Later he came to Ashe County as an evangelist, served as pastor for the N. Wilkesboro Pres. Church for a year, and the Presbyterian Church at Boone, N. C. for some time. He did other work in Home Mission work for the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, and established the Francisco Presbyterian Church in Surry County. Mr. Yelanjian did outstanding work in Stokes County in raising funds to build the Stokes Hospital and establishing it. In the last years of his life Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian ran the Cherry Hill Coffee Shop on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and made many friends of tourists from far and wide. Mr. Yelanjian filled pulpits when called upon also during the last years of his life. Mr. Yelanjian met Miss Marie Warwick of Chatanooga, Tenn. at Moody institute and they were married in 1921.

Mr. Yelanjian coming out of a country that was dominated by the Turks often said the people of America did not appreciate the freedom and blessings this country offered them.

A verse that would have fit his life would perhaps be the following:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

A grave side service was held at Francisco Church Cemetery in Stokes County on April 1, 1974 at 3:00 p. m. and a memorial service was held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on April 7, 1974 at 3:00 p. m.

The following statement of appreciation was drafted by the Session of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and read at Presbytery of Concord.

STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION BY SESSION

Glendale Springs, N. C.
April 7, 1974

The Session of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church wish to express their appreciation for the zeal and interest of the late Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian for our church and the people of our community. Mr. Yelanjian was in-

Easter In Glendale Springs

On Easter morning April 14 a congregation of about 45 Christians gathered at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church for a Easter Sunrise service to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. An appropriate service was held to worship the risen Lord, and a short message was given entitled "The Three Requests." A story of the custom of the Eastern Church was told by the speaker as follows — On Easter morn Christians arose early and greeted each other with Easter greetings as follows: When one met the other on the street or visited at their neighbor's door, they shout, "Christ is Risen." The other responds, "Christ is Risen Indeed."

terested in the salvation of the souls of those who are not saved and expressed his wish for the salvation of many in our community who had not accepted the Lord and Saviour. He had a prayer list and prayed for many in our section of the country. We realize in the last weeks of his life he gave his best to our church in his sermons, urging people to seek Heaven.

We express our deep felt sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Marie Yelanjian who so faithfully stood by his side. We offer our prayers for strength at the time of the calling of her loved one to his crowning in Heaven.

Delmer Rose,
Clerk of Session

In Memory Of Martha Mae Blackwell Stone

Mrs. Martha Blackwell Stone passed away May 3, 1974. She was born June 7, 1901 in Newberry, S. C. Funeral services were held in the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church, West Jefferson, N. C. on Monday, May 5th, at 11 A. M. The burial was in the Stoneville Cemetery, Stoneville, N. C.

Surviving Mrs. Stone's passing are her husband, Dr. R. H. Stone of Jefferson, N. C., two daughters, Mrs. Martha Woods of Charlotte, N. C. and Mrs. Mary Watson of Franklin, N. C. and one son, Robert Stone of Davidson, N. C. also a brother, Dr. Richard Blackwell of New York City.

A tribute by Miss Kathryn Hunt who knew Mrs. Stone well and worked with the Stones in Ashe County is on Page 3.

The congregation responded to the pastor's words at the end of the service, "Christ Is Risen Indeed."

After the service each person was given a handmade cross which could be worn on a chain or by pin on the lapel. The congregation was asked to wear these on the day of Prayer on April 30, which was the date requested by the Congress for a national day of humiliation, repentance, fasting and prayer.

After the Sunrise Service the congregation were entertained by the men of the church with doughnuts and coffee.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

Robert Eugene Bare of Jefferson, N. C. passed away in the Ashe Memorial Hospital on April 10. He was born June 29, 1909 in Ashe County. He was the son of Floyd T. Bare and Rettie Goodman Bare. He is preceded in death by his son, Robert Clark Bare. His widow, Carrie Clark Bare, and six sisters remain to mourn his passing.

Robert Bare was a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where he attended regularly. Funeral services were held April 12 in the chapel of the Badger Funeral Home. Robert was a good citizen, neighbor, and faithful to his Lord. We pray God's comfort to those who mourn the passing of their loved one into glory.

Thurman William Severt, of Rt. 1, Jefferson, N. C. passed away April 27 in the Blowing Rock Hospital. He was born in Ashe County to Calvin Severt and Jane Winger Severt. Thurman is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Ada Miller Severt, two daughters, seven sons, a sister, three brothers, and one half-sister. Funeral services were held April 29 in the chapel of Badger's Funeral Home. Interment was in the George Miller Cemetery. Mr. Severt attended the Bare Creek Primitive Baptist Church. May God bless and comfort those who mourn his passing.

Mrs. Sarah Blackburn Baker, 94, of Glendale Springs, the widow of Jess Baker of Obids, N. C. died on March 31. The funeral was held on April 2 in the Obids Presbyterian Church of which she was a long standing member. Mrs. Baker was born in Ashe County and surviving are Mrs. Lillian Baker Davis of Winston-Salem, N. C. and one son, Everette Baker of Glendale Springs, N. C. One sister and three brothers also survive. Interment was in the Obids Church Cemetery. Mrs. Baker was faithful in her duties as a Christian at the Obids Presbyterian Church. She has been a faithful servant of the Lord, and God has called her to her loved ones in Heaven.

Mrs. Margaret Mash Bare, 72, of West Jefferson, N. C., Rt. 2, widow of Pharr Bare, passed away March 24, 1974. Mrs. Bare was born in Ashe County and was a good Christian. She was a long time member of the Obids Baptist Church. She is survived by four daughters, four sons, and two sisters.

"To close the eye, to fall asleep
To draw a labored breath,
To find release from daily cares
In what we know as death."

Mrs. Nona Neal Austin, 72, of Jefferson, wife of W. B. Austin, passed away March 23, 1974. She is survived by Mr. W. B. Austin, a well known lawyer and former state senator, also by three daughters, Mrs. Polly A. Kennedy of Statesville, Mrs. Roberta A. Widman of Asheville, Mrs. Mary Gordon Tugman of Laurel Springs; and one son, William B. Austin, Jr., of Winston-Salem. One brother, Mr. C.

In Memorial To Elder Vance Miller

Mr. Vance Miller was born in the Apple Grove section of Ashe County on December 10, 1901 and was the son of Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Miller. His education was obtained in the home and in the schools of Ashe County.

His life span was 72 years, 4 months and 25 days. He died in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem on May 5. The cause of his passing was a case of acute leukemia.

He was married in 1922 to Miss Floss Roten. She was his devoted companion and mother of two children until the latter days of December 1935.

His second marriage was in 1937 to Miss Nora Eldreth, of this community. She was faithful and devoted and stood guard over him during his last illness.

He was a charter member of the Gillespie Presbyterian Church which was organized in November, 1932. He was active in the construction of this building — giving of his labor and

S. Neal of Jefferson also survives.

Mrs. Austin was a faithful Christian and member of the Jefferson Methodist Church. Mrs. Austin was very active in civic affairs as well as in her church. Funeral services were held in the Jefferson Methodist Church and interment was in the Jefferson Cemetery. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." "Mothers never die, they just keep house up in the sky."

C. J. HUNT REINSTATED

May 12 C. J. Hunt who had been absent from the church for several years, wished to be reinstated in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

The session voted to reinstate Mr. Hunt and was received as an active member. May God bless C. J. as he takes up his fellowship with the church again.

materials. He has served as Deacon, Elder, Superintendent of Sunday School, Church Treasurer, and clerk of Session.

For more than forty years he was postmaster of the Apple Grove Post Office. For many years the office was in his residence until a post office building was constructed. In his office he made many friends and was popular and faithful until the office was closed last year.

He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Miller Barr, of R. F. D. 1, Lansing; and Mrs. Katherine Miller Proffit, of R. F. D. West Jefferson; one son, Mr. James H. Miller, of Akron, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. J. T. Jenkins of Greenville, Tenn.; a brother, Mr. Woodrow Sapp, of Mohawk, Tenn.

Two grandchildren, David Miller of Akron, Ohio.

There are many friends in Ashe County and other sections of this and other states who consider him a friend and share this sorrow of this bereaved family. Family, a host of friends and the church will miss him.

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Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

With September upon us now, we review the three summer months. June began with Pentecost service on the second, followed by two weeks of a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School (see picture). Over half the school received the award for standing and reciting individually the selected Psalm for 1974.

On June 9 the choir came before us in new robes of White and gold, and brightened the service with both their singing and their array. The evening of June 9, the Mt. Jefferson congregation joined the union service of "Sermon on the Mount Sunday." Dr. Ralph Scales, President of Wake Forest University, spoke on the text Isaiah 51:1.

June was a busy month, with DVB-School; the union service; the beautiful wedding of Miss Cathy Phillips and Mr. William Howell on Sunday afternoon June 16; the Scout week at Raven Knob, June 23-29; and the Communion Sabbath, June 30, when we received the Eric Hartmann's into our membership from Miami Shores, Fla.

There were items, however, that made one stop and remember. We lost the Frank Jones family when they moved to Colorado at the beginning of June. Frank was a conscientious Deacon in the Mt. Jefferson Church. Then several spent short stays in the hospital — some members, some close friends. (Continued on page 2)

Mrs. Ed Anderson Is Honored By Wagon Train Group

The leaders of the Wagon Train had a surprise dinner in honor of Mrs. Ed Anderson, the editor of the Skyland Post. James Badger and Jack Miller who have managed and worked the Wagon Train since it originated in Ashe and Wilkes County had charge of a dinner at Greenfield Restaurant on Sept. 5th, at 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Anderson was praised by James Badger and Jack Miller for the promotional cooperation of the Skyland Post and much of the secretarial work done by her. The wagon train owes its growth and success in the years in which it operated largely to Mrs. Anderson's diligent work. Many other friends including the Sheriff of Ashe County attended and praised the efficient and faithful work which she had done for this activity.

A beautiful engraved plaque was presented to Mrs. Anderson by James Badger, recognizing the promotional work done by her from the beginning of the movement. We wish Mrs. Anderson many more useful years as editor of the Skyland Post, which has been the paper that has promoted all the forward steps of Ashe County. May God bless her in her work.

Glendale Springs Entertains Youth From Kalamazoo

At midnight on August 13th a tired group of young people from the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Mich., pulled into Glendale Springs. The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church had prepared a dinner for them and the tired travelers enjoyed the midnight meal.

This group of young people was led by the Minister of Youth, Rev. Wayne Conner, Mrs. Sally Davis, Mrs. Phyllis Curtis, and Mary Lou Broughton with the help of some efficient college students. The leaders of the group were fine sports. They did the cooking, took the clothing of the group to the laundry mat and did a hundred and one things for them. Many of these young people have a Dutch background, and they showed it by the neat painting of many jobs in and out around the Memorial Building. While staying with us they bought \$514 worth of paint and brushes which they used in their work. This was an eager group to serve, and you can only appreciate the hard work they did by going to the building and observing what has been done.

While with us Rev. Wayne Conner preached at the morning service and some of the youth sang. A most inspiring service was enjoyed with Miss Janet Robinson of Charlotte, N. C. who (Continued on page 4)



THIS LARGE GROUP OF CHILDREN attended the Daily Vacation Bible School at Mt. Jefferson, located on Jefferson Avenue, is pastored by T. I. Smith.

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EDITORIAL**"We Are Not God"**

We are disturbed with the sin, the crime, the wars, the starvation of people in the world, the birth of millions of illegitimate children in the world, the corruption in the political life of our country, the suffering of people in catastrophes that we are puzzled and disturbed about why these things happen and wonder what we can do about them, and why God allows them. We become frustrated and dazed about the evil that happens in the world.

Remember we are not God, remember our country and our government does not have the power of God. Let us remember God still sits on his throne and there is a great battle going on between right and wrong, between God and Satan as the scriptures point out to us. Much evil is going on in the world at the dismay of many Christians — Satan, just as he tried to shake the confidence of Job in God's goodness and love, is trying to shake and brain wash the Christian's confidence in God today.

I. A LITTLE SPOT FOR PRAYER

The Christian may ask the question, What can I do in the face of evil in the world? Remember the Christian is not God, but he has a contact with God that others do not have. God has invited the Christian to come boldly before his throne in prayer. A Christian can have a place on the council of Heaven. A Christian can consult and talk with God about all the events of the world. The world is not too big for a Christian to talk with God about it. God is not too great that He will not listen to our prayers and our petitions. Man is a very little being, God is awesome and infinite in his wisdom and power, and yet, he says little man, talk with me, your little prayers count. We may not possess very much of this world's earth, but a small place to put your knees in prayer is a wonderful possession for a Christian. Prayer is said to be a mighty leaver with God. The poet said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams

of." The Word of God invites in Heb. 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace." Also in I Thess. 5:17, we are told to, "Pray without ceasing." In Luke 18:1 Jesus said, "That men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Who knows what great things the prayers of one Christian can do?

II. A LITTLE PLACE TO STAND

Not only should we have a little place to kneel before God, but we should also have a place to stand up for God in this world. When we have made our peace and allegiance to our God through Jesus Christ, as good soldiers we should stand up for Him in the world. We should not be ashamed to confess him before the world when we have opportunity. "In all thy ways acknowledge him," the proverb says. Paul wrote to the Romans in 1:12, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The early Christians many times had to stand or reject Christ. Many stood up for Christ their Saviour and lost their lives. The grand old hymn rings out — "Stand up! Stand up! for Jesus."

III. A LITTLE PLACE TO SERVE

We would like to change the world in a big way, but remember we are not God as we said in the beginning, but God has given us a little place to pray, a little place to stand up for Him, and last of all a little place to serve Him where we are.

Dr. George Carver, who was black slave, and who became one of the greatest Christian scientists of the world, said he prayed to God that He would change the great things of the world that were wrong. He said God said to him, "George, that's too much for you, you serve me in the small way in your little world. Dr. George Carver did this very thing and became the great leader in the deep south in agriculture, saving many white and black farmers from destruction and failure. He is called the father of synthetics, revealing many of his secrets of chemistry to the great industries of the nation and his secrets were free to all.

Many a missionary has gone to some destitute place in the earth, often misunderstood, but he served God faithfully in his little spot and brought many to God and changed the philosophy of a heathen country to Christianity.

There is a little land in this big world called the Holy Land, for Jesus, the Son of God walked, taught and served there. It is not a large country, only about 70 miles long and 40 miles wide at the greatest. Here Jesus confined his work in this little country that he might change the world and build up the Eternal Kingdom of God. From this little country where Jesus lived for about 30 years, his message has spread and is still spreading to the ends of the world. It only took a little place for a cross to stand in the ground, for the Saviour to die, that He might promise forgiveness for sinners and peace with God. It only took this little country where the love of God was exhibited by Jesus, to teach the world of the love and forgiveness of God.

When we look at the pondrous pro-

Permissiveness

By: Earl Paisley — Native of Lansing
— Ashe County

Some years ago as I walked down the street,

A small little boy I happened to meet. I said, "Lad, does your mama know where you go?"

My blood was chilled as a little voice said "No."

REFRAIN

Jesus said, "Suffer the little ones to come to me."

I wonder how long it will take some parents to see,
That permissiveness is not what it seems to be.

It will only bring you pain and misery.

Four years ago as I walked down the street,

A teenage youth I happened to entreat. I said, "Young Man, does your father know you're not in school?"

His stark reply was, "Man, he's no fool!"

REFRAIN

Jesus said, "Bring your young people unto me."

I wonder how long it will take some parents to see,
That permissiveness is not what it seems to be.

It will only bring you pain and misery.

Yesterday as I walked down the street,

A college-age man I happened to greet. His hair was messed and his eyes were all a-glaze.

Hard drugs had claimed a boy that might have been saved.

REFRAIN

Jesus said, "Come all ye unto me."

I wonder how long it will take some parents to see,
That permissiveness is not what it seems to be,

It will only bring you pain and misery.

Then today as I walked down the street,

A pair of grieving parents I happened to meet.

I said, "Folks, why do you seem so morose?"

Their reply, "Our only son just died from an overdose."

REFRAIN

Jesus said, "Bring your problems unto me."

I still wonder how long it will take some parents to see,
That permissiveness is not what it seems to be.

It will only bring you pain and misery.

**BOB'S MOTHER & PRES. FORD
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We just learned the other day that Bob Ziebarth's mother who was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was in the same class with President Gerald Ford in High School.

blems of the world, remember they are God's and He can handle them in his mysterious and wise way. Remember we are not God, but He has given us a place to pray, a place to stand up for Him, and a place to serve Him. God will bless your little places and make them powerful.



GLENDAL SPRINGS DAILY VACATION Bible School has largest group this year.



MISS EVELYN ACHESON sits on the porch of her new home.

Summer Bible School In Glendale Field

Daily Vacation Bible Schools started in the Glendale Field with the school in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church which ran from June 17th through 22nd.

The teachers in the Glendale School were Bob Ziebarth, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Lucy Osborne, Mrs. Juanita Dancy with Mrs. J. W. Luke as pianist. Kim Sheets was helper for the Beginner class and Mrs. Jean Stafford for the Junior class. Donna Miller and Lynda Miller were store keepers for the Bible School store for the convenience of the children and to keep them from the danger of running to the store at recess time.

The sports were basketball, volley ball, ping pong, shuffle board and ring games for the little ones. The school ended with a grand watermelon feast.

The next Daily Vacation Bible School was held at the Laurel Fork Church on July 1 through 6th. The teachers were Bob Ziebarth, Miss Evelyn Acheson, and Kim Sheets. Mrs. J. W. Luke was the pianist.

Volley ball was the main sport with smaller games for the little children. Refreshments for the children were furnished each day by the families of the church, and a watermelon feast was enjoyed by all at the close of the school.

The closing Bible school for the summer at Bethel Church at 6 p. m. throughout July 8th — 13th. Bob Ziebarth and Miss Evelyn Acheson were the teachers, and Miss Teresa Whittington was the pianist.

Each day an exciting volley ball game was enjoyed in Press Wyatt's pasture in front of the church. Refreshments were served the children each

day by Mrs. Faye Shepherd. A watermelon cutting was enjoyed at close. A composit review of the Bible Schools of the field is as follows:

Glendale Springs, June 17-22nd, enrollment 66, expense off \$24.15

Laurel Fork, July 1st-6th, enrollment 37, expense off \$43.10.

Bethel, July 8th-13th, enrollment 27, expense off \$21.75.

Totals, enrollment 130, expense off \$89.00.

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Columbia Group Visits Glendale

A group of young people from Columbia, S. C. visited the Glendale Springs Field over the weekend of August 23rd through evening of 25th.

There were 19 girls and boys who visited from the Jackson Creek Baptist Church. They were led by Rev. Charlie Yoho, and came in late Friday night.

The youth enjoyed games in the Memorial Building on Saturday and played a soft ball game in the afternoon with the Pinv Ridge Baptist Church team from Wilkes County. After dinner Saturday evening a meeting with many of the local youth groups from Laurel Fork, Bethel and Glendale met in the basement of the Memorial Building and after fun games had lots of singing and testimonies from some of the group from Columbia.

Sunday the visitors divided up and went to the three churches in the field. Some remained at Glendale and aided in the morning service and Sunday School with singing and talks on what Christ meant to them. Others went to Bethel Church and aided in the service there while others went to Laurel Fork Church and gave testimonies of their experiences with Christ, and sang several religious songs.

After the services of Sunday morning, the group met at Glendale Springs in the Memorial Building and had lunch together, after which they started back to Columbia.

All of those who worshipped Sunday morning with these young people and were associated with them around the Memorial Building enjoyed their friendship, the freshness of their faith and testimonies. We understand that 5 out of this group will go to college next year at Columbia Bible College, where Bob Ziebarth graduated last last year.

We enjoyed having this fine Christian group with us and making friends with them. May God bless them in their lives for our Lord, and we hope they will be back to visit us again.

GLENDAL SPRINGS ENTERTAINS YOUTH

(Continued from page 1)

led us in a wonderful Bible Study.

Entertainment was enjoyed by the group such as: a Ride on Tweetsie, a trip to Land of Oz (Rained out), Picnic on Mt. Jefferson, picnic at Bluff Park (rained out of Camp Fire Service), a visit to Don Long's cannon factory where Don shot a muzzle loading cannon for us. Soft ball, Basketball, Volley ball and ping pong games were also played while here. On the last night we enjoyed a big camp-fire together with stories and singing.

The group from Kalamazoo came on the night of August 13th and left us for Historical sightseeing in Virginia and Washington on August 22nd., before they returned homeward.

Those of us who had the opportunity of associating with this fine group of young people enjoyed their fellowship and new found friendship. We appreciate their service rendered while here,



ENERGETIC GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE from Columbia, S. C. spent weekend at Glendale Springs.

and trust they have enjoyed being with us and will carry us in their memory and prayers as we will do them. As we think of our new found friends

we recall the words of the old Hymn — "Blest be the tie that bind our Christian Love; The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above."

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Revival At Bethel

Revival services were held at Bethel Church on July 7th through 13th. The minister who preached during these days was Mr. Van Wyatt of McGrady, N. C.

Mr. Wyatt is an ardent worker in his church which is of the Baptist denomination. He teaches Sunday School and preaches although he is not an ordained minister. Mr. Wyatt was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wyatt who use to live in Ashe County. He attended the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church when he was 3 years old. During the services groups of singers sang for the congregation on different nights. The services were well attended and a spiritual time was experienced. There were reconsecrations during the revival.

Parkway Ministry Summer 1974

The Parkway Ministry this summer was conducted by Christopher East, a divinity student from Duke University. Mr. East held three campfire services each Sunday for Campers and tourists at the camp fire sight. The time of the services was 8 A. M., 11:55 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. in the Doughton Park Camping area. Services were regularly attended by campers but on account of excessive rains some services had to be called off. At the morning services the attendance was over 100 worshippers. Chris East lead services with his guitar and preached. It is hoped he will be back next year. Mr. East will leave the work after Labor Day to go to school; and the Rev. Mimms will continue the services during the fall with one service a Sunday at 6:30 P. M.

POEM — "JESUS"

By: Eddie Hart (12 year old)
Laurel Fork Church

Jesus who came to set his people free,
Who came in your time of need,
Who loved you so.
Who died for you to take away your sins.

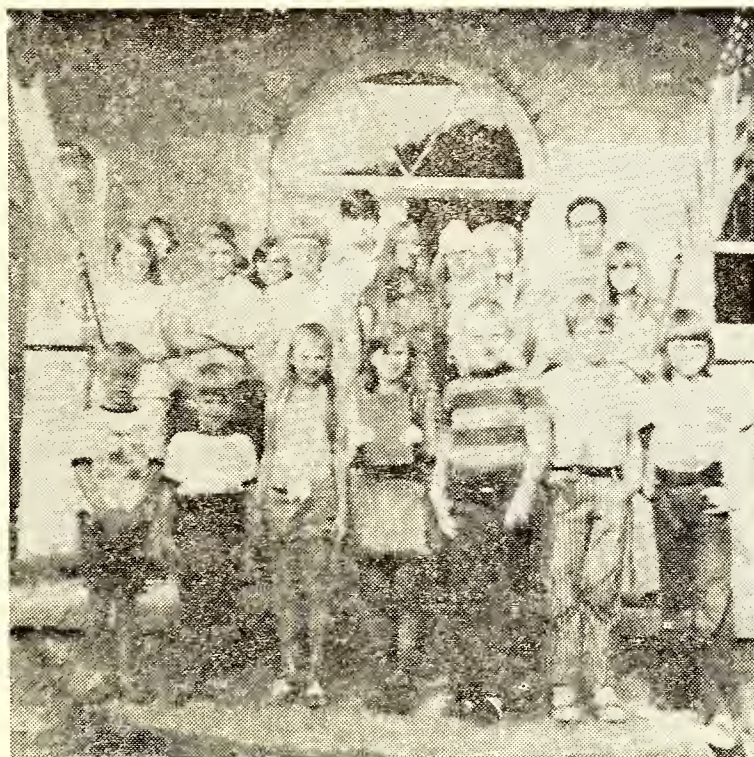
If you don't know, then ask me,
For I know Jesus did these things,
For I know he came and died on the cross to take away our sins.

You ask what happened then?
He arose and went to serve the Lord,
But He will be back again.

Glendale Revival Is Successful

July 14th through 20th was the dates of the revival at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bert Edwards of Bristol, Va., was the speaker for this meeting.

Mr. Edwards sermons were inspiring and very spiritual. During the revival a daily prayer time was held before



BETHEL DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has fine group of children.

service. Many people of the congregation invited Mr. Edwards into their homes or furnished meals while he was in our community. Mr. Edwards wished to tell everyone his thanks and appreciation for their care of his wants while with us.

There were three who expressed their faith in Christ and were received into Glendale Springs Presbyterian

Church. These three were: Donna Miller, Brinda Severt and Denver Severt. Mrs. Lynda Roten wished to be reinstated also as a member.

Rev. Bert Edwards holds many revivals during the year and is the pastor of King Memorial and Lippincott Presbyterian Churches of Bristol, Va. We pray God's blessings on his work.

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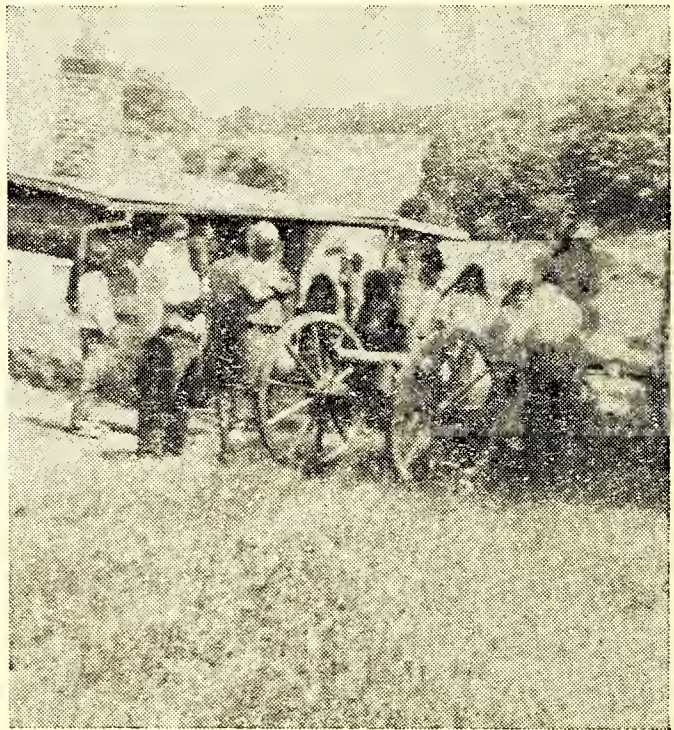
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Lansing News

By: Dr. R. L. Stamper

Activities on the Lansing Field included seven groups who came as work groups, providing leadership for four Bible Schools and doing manual labor in each area. These groups came from Montgomery, Alabama, Atlanta, Georgia, Greenville, South Carolina and Charlotte, North Carolina. In addition to conducting the four Bible Schools these young people painted six houses, renovated three homes, painted two churches and did visitation with the shut-ins in each area. More than three hundred young people were involved in the activities on the field with sixty one adults and teenagers from outside the area.

In addition to the above activities several groups visited the Presbyterian Retreat House on Big Horse Creek for Biblical seminars and other church related studies this summer.

The dental clinic during the months of June, July, August and September will have served just under one hundred children.

Plans are now being made for each of the groups who visited during the summer to return at Christmas time with gifts and toys for the children.

Miss Kimberly Little, daughter of Nancy and Rex Little was baptized and received into the church at Foster Memorial on August 4, 1974.

The wedding of Miss Janis Powers to Mr. Jack Cantrell was held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church on August 25, 1974 at 3:30 P. M. Dr. R. H. Stone officiated. The entire congregation and many friends and relatives were invited for this happy occasion.

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Marriages

Mary Ellen Crouse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Crouse of Piney Creek, N. C. was united in marriage to Donald James Merritt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Merritt of Erie, Pa.

The service was conducted at the Glendale Springs Manse on June 9 at 2 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Luke. Mary Ellen is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Keys of Laurel Springs, N. C. May God bless the union of these two young people.

Virginia Lynn Rose, the daughter of the late Mr. Wade Rose and Mrs. Gwyn Neal Rose of Jefferson were united in marriage to Stephen Joe Blevins of Lansing, N. C. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Blevins of Lansing, N. C.

The marriage service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Luke in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. June 12. Virginia is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose of Glendale Springs, N. C.

Sharon Lynn Hayes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayes of Moravian Falls, N. C. was married to Robert Lee Settle, the son of the Late Mr. Lewis L. Settle and Mrs. Ruth Slaughter Settle of Lexington, Ky., at 2 p. m. on August 3rd. The service was conducted in the Hayes home at Moravian Falls by Rev. J. W. Luke. Sharon is the daughter of Margie Dean Lyle Hayes and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lyle of Glendale Springs, N. C.

Music for the ceremony was rendered by a brass instrument quartette the musicians being friends of the bride and groom.

Many friends attended the ceremony and enjoyed delicious refreshments after the marriage. May God's richest graces be with this young couple.

Peggy Ann Miller the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parnell Miller of Glendale Springs, was united to Douglas Lee Srears the son of Mrs. Lee Spears and the late Mrs. Lee Treadway Srears of Wilbar, N. C.

The service was conducted on Sept. 3rd at 3 p. m. at the Manse at Glendale Springs, by Rev. J. W. Luke. We pray for the happiness of Peggy and Douglas.

Miss Sharon Beshears the daughter of the late Eugene Beshears and Mrs. Thelmer Walters Beshears, now Mrs. Forest McMillan, was married to Mark Miller, the son of the late Carl Miller

Miss Acheson Builds New Home

After helping in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field, Miss Acheson got her resources together and had a house built to which she could move when she left the apartment near the manse at Glendale Springs.

Elbert Severt was her builder and had his crew of men go to work at once. The house is built on a small plot of land given to Miss Acheson by her friends Dr. and Mrs. Hightower on the edge of Jefferson.

The place where Miss Acheson built gives her a beautiful view, especially of Mt. Jefferson. There are a few details that have not been completed,

and Mrs. Rett Rose Miller of Glendale Springs. The marriage was conducted on June 18th.

Mark is a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and served as deacon and faithful Sunday School Superintendent while he lived at Glendale Springs. The Millers make their home in Jefferson, and we pray God will bless the home of these newly married young people.

Charles Caudill Visits Glendale

On July 18th we were delighted to have a visit from the Charles Caudill family from Austin, Texas. Betty and Charles have two sons, Scott and Neill who are growing into fine boys. Charles, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs.

He was a former member of the Glendale Springs Church and a Boy Scout in troupe 115. Charles title is Agricultural Statistician. He is in charge of the statistics for the Texas Department of Agriculture and his office is in the federal building, Austin, Texas.

It was a great pleasure to have the visit from the family and know of the success and the work in which he is engaged.

yet she can move into her home at anytime. We congratulate Miss Acheson on getting her lovely home built so soon, and know she will enjoy it when she retires from teaching. Miss Acheson has returned to her teaching job at Hopewell, Va., where she teaches the second grade in the West End Christian School.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

REX DARRELL WYATT the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wyatt was born April 11 and passed away July 5, 1974. The funeral services were held at 2 p. m. by the Revs. Lonnie Miller and J. W. Luke in the Penecostal Church of Glendale Springs, N. C. Rex Wyatt is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hettie Wyatt, a sister and three brothers. We pray God's grace will sustain them in the passing of their loved one.

JOE NEAL SHEETS passed away on July 3 in the Ashe Memorial Hospital of Jefferson, N. C. He was 71 years of age. Joe Sheets was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sheets of Ashe County. Funeral services were held at the Badger Funeral Home on July 5. He is survived by one son, two sisters, two brothers and his wife. May God bless those who mourn his passing.

EDWARD M. JENKINS was born Sept. 16, 1893 and passed away July 21, 1974. Mr. Jenkins was an outstanding builder in Ashe and surrounding counties. He was a faithful member of the Orion Baptist Church. Funeral services and Masonic Rites were held at the Orion Church and Cemetery. We pray God's strength and grace to those who mourn his passing.

MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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friends: Dr. Stone, Mrs. Robert Dickson, Mrs. Livesay, and Mrs. Kermit Green. We give thanks that all are out and amongst us again.

The first two Sundays of July, the minister was away on part of his vacation — having been notified of the passing of a close friend in Pittsburgh worthy of St. Paul's title of "a father in Christ" (I Cor. 4:15). The pulpit was ably filled by Dr. Robert Stamper on July 7, and Rev. W. A. Kerr on July 14. During July the class room facilities of the church were extended to the managerial staff of our friends, the Phoenix Chair Company, for certain studies, and also to the Wilkes Community College group of adults and young people studying guitar.

AUGUST's first Sunday, Aug. 4, we were delighted to have in our midst again the Tom McEwens, the Leon Reeves, the Tom Kents, and the Gordon Bondurants — all of whose homes are elsewhere now. Then on Aug. 5, at the quarterly meeting of the Elders and Deacons, the church-treasurer, Mr. John Gentry, was able to announce not only the paying of interest on the

church "note," but a reduction of the debt principle by \$2,000. "Truly, the Lord has been good to Israel" as the Psalmist puts it, — may we strive to be more worthy of His kindness.

In August, the minister took the remainder of his vacation, with the pulpit being filled ably on the Sundays of August 11 and August 18 by Dr. John Luke and Dr. James Rhodes respectively. Aug. has seen three of our members in the hospital: Mrs. G. T. Badger, Mr. Dayton Pennington, and

Miss Lois Mangum; — may the Lord's healing hand be upon them for good.

Finally, as August drew to a close, on August 28, Mr. and Mrs. John LeLand — passing through and both looking well — stopped at the Manse, and after a delightful visit asked that their thanks and best wishes be conveyed to all the membership of the church. John has again (under the hand of the Great Physician) been spared after a severe heart attack.

And now back to school.

BOB ZIEBARTH'S MOTHER IS CALLED HOME

Bob Ziebarth who is working in the Glendale Springs Field had a sad message Sunday, Sept. 8th. His mother, Mrs. Leon Ziebarth of Wyoming, Michigan passed away suddenly. The funeral was held on Wed., Sept. 11th. Bob took a flight at the Greensboro Airport on Sunday evening to be with his father and the family in Michigan. We are praying for our Father's comforting grace for Bob and the Ziebarth family in the passing of their loved one.

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Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church Has Busy Season

The fall month of September came in this year on a Sunday, and it was a pleasure to have our good friends from Raleigh, Bill and Bernice Benton, worship with us. The first week of the month, the Mt. Jefferson Church was responsible for the morning devotions over the radio, and the last week of the month, for the hospital visitation. Between those dates, the Broughton Hospital patients from Ashe County and their families were entertained at supper in the church Social Hall on Monday, Sept. 16. The 4-H young people provided the singing and instrumental music. The next day, Sept. 17, being Constitution Day, the Mt. Jefferson pastor was invited by the DAR to give the broadcast address.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 22, the church had its fall "Fellowship Supper and Sing," and a pleasant time it was though the weather outside was turning cold. The following Sunday, Sept. 29, was Rally Day, with the program being entirely presented by the young people. A most interesting skit was talentedly given by the more junior group; while the more senior young people gave their own splendid and challenging referencing of modern problems to the same perplexities in Bible times. Earlier on Rally Day morning, the church choir had carried their ministry of music to the Grandview Rest Home—supplementing Dr. R. H. Stone's ministry to the old folk.

In September, Mrs. Quincy Mullis was in the hospital, — we are glad that she is home again. Miss Lois Mangum has moved to Raleigh and her constant faithfulness is much missed. Also, Tom Bare, friend of the church from the Obids community, was hospitalized and died in September.

OCTOBER opened (Oct. 1,) with the fall session of Concord Presbytery being held at Salisbury. Mt. Jefferson was represented by the minister. The following Sunday, Oct. 6, the church observed World-Wide Communion, when we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee into our membership. The African Famine Relief offering was also received on Communion Sunday, and the service carried to shut-ins in the afternoon. Next day, Monday the Girl Scouts organizational meeting (for the county) was held in the church.

With the nation's formal opening of its Bicentennial Celebration coming on Monday, Oct. 14, the message of Sunday, Oct. 13, was on "Christ and Nations," a reflection that universal dominion is God's gift to his Son and Messiah. The following Sunday, Oct. 20, we all awoke to a white earth and

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Christmas Programs In Glendale Field

Christmas programs are in the making for the Glendale Springs and the Laurel Fork Churches. Practicing has begun and the churches are looking forward to having programs on Sunday preceeding Christmas. Bethel Church will probably have a program on the Sunday morning before Christmas at the Sunday School time. These programs will be on Sunday the 22nd of December.

The Lansing Church Has 3 Lady Elders

Recently the Lansing Church elected three ladies and ordained and installed them as Elders: Mrs. Ella Mae Clark, Mrs. Helen Miller Barr and Mrs. Lorraine Stansberry Ham. The two latter grew up in the Gillespie Church and have been faithful members. Mrs. Barr is the daughter of the late Elder Vance Miller.

Three men were elected and installed: Mr. Gary Osborne as an Elder. John Powers and Ted Roten were elected members of the Board of Deacons.

Miss Leisa Lorraine Ham on Nov. 3rd. appeared before the Session of the Lansing Church and upon her profession of faith in Christ was received into the membership of the church by baptism.

United Thanksgiving Service For County

The Ashe County Ministerial Association planned a united Thanksgiving Service this year. The service was held in the Warrensville Methodist Church and a large crowd attended. A brass band from Beaver Creek High School played patriotic and Thanksgiving Hymns. Many of the ministers from all denominations cooperated in the service. Testimonies of thanks to God were given by four lay members.

An offering of staple food was made at the close of the service, which food will be distributed to those in need.

A warm fellowship was exhibited among the many who attended the service at 8:30 a. m.

Mrs. Nelson Bell Dies In November

Montreat, N. C., Nov. 11 (PN) — Memorial service for Mrs. Virginia L. Bell was held on Nov. 9, in Gaither Chapel at Montreat, following private graveside service in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Bell 82, widow of Dr. L. Nelson Bell, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. General Assembly and missionary-physician, died Nov. 8, at her home at Montreat.

She had been ill for several weeks and had suffered a massive stroke.

Mrs. Bell was born in Charlottesville, Va., reared in Waynesboro, attended the Assembly's Training School (now the Presbyterian School of Christian Education) and was a graduate of St. Luke's Nursing School in Richmond.

She served with her husband for 25 years as a medical missionary in China. They returned to the United States in 1941 and made their home at Montreat. She was a member of Montreat Presbyterian Church.

Lansing Church To Call A Minister

After a sermon in the Lansing Church on November 24th, by Rev. Robert W. Childress, Jr., of Willis, Va., the Session met and voted to call the congregation to meet on December 8th to extend a call to Mr. Childress to become the pastor of the Church. He has promised to lay the call before the Lord for His direction.

Mr. Childress is the son of Rev. Bob Childress who has held two evangelistic meetings in the County; in Foster Memorial and a three weeks meeting in Jefferson, two weeks in the Court House and the final week in the Church.

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EDITORIAL

The First Christmas
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SCENE I — "THE SEEKERS"

The night winds tingle the faces of three tired but eager travelers. The steady crunching of their camels' broad feet upon the sand is incessant. The brilliant stars hung low over the pathway of the travelers. One star lead on as a lantern in the hand of an invisible guide.

SCENE II — "THE WATCHERS"

The scene changes to fields near Bethlehem and the round shadowy forms of sleeping sheep in the darkness are seen on a hill side — all is quiet. A watching shepherd throws a few fagots upon a small fire. The leaping blaze casts a flickering light upon the forms of his sleeping companions.

SCENE III — "PEACE"

Silent, munching cattle with wide, watching eyes stand in a circle of light streaming from their accustomed shed. A figure moves quietly about on the inside casting changing shadows from the yellow light of a torch. Occasionally the light falls upon the quiet form of a woman whose golden hair mingles with the straw upon which she lays. An undistinguishable bundle of white lays in a nest behind the crude slats of a manger — Peace reigns.

SCENE IV — "TODAY"

These were the scenes of the first Christmas, but Christmas Scenes should never cease as long as the world stands.

The wise men are still on their exciting quest today. You are among them — at church — by the side of the sick, with a helping hand to the poor, at the prison bars, with a message of God's love for the sinner and those that dwell in darkness. "When saw we they said?" He answered, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these."

The shepherds are still watching today. You are one of them, among the crowds, in the speeding traffic, near the factory's spinning wheels, in the quiet countryside. You are watching

EDITORIAL

The Thankful Heart

By Rev. Thomas I. Smith

To catch something of the spirit out of which our annual American Thanksgiving arose, consider the young man to whom it was given to set apart that early Thanksgiving Day of 1621. William Bradford, of a well-to-do family in England, lost considerable property for conscience sake when he joined the group of Separatists who fled to Holland for greater religious freedom.

When the group left Holland for America in the fall of 1620, Bradford sailed with his young wife in the Mayflower to set up a new home in a new country. After two months of heavy seas, the little vessel anchored in Cape Cod Bay; and here in sight of the new land, the young wife fell overboard and was drowned before she could be reached.

It was December when the passengers finally disembarked and erected a crude dwelling. Then came the winter, during which Bradford was to see 50 of the little colony of 100 die from privation and disease. He sees them buried at night in the middle of the street, where they are trodden upon the next day; for savages must not be permitted to learn how weak is the colony by counting any graves.

With the coming of Spring, the colony lost its first governor, John Carver, and Bradford (at 31) was chosen governor. That fall, though there had not been a large harvest, fish and game were plentiful and Governor Bradford appointed a day of Thanksgiving. For the occasion, Chief Massasoit and a number of his warriors were invited. This was the first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims; but hard times were not over.

The young governor was to see peril to his people from other Indians. He sees drought hit the colony the second summer and the green vegetables die, and the corn shrivel on the stalk, and the supply ships fail to come. And he writes: "If ever any people in these later ages were held up by the Providence of God after a more special manner than others, then were we. — AND HEREOFRE are the more bound to celebrate the memory of His goodness with everlasting thankfulness." Here is the spirit in our own American History of Habakkuk 3:17,18.

for a new return of angelic hosts, and the crowning of the King of Kings. "Watch therefore."

You, who are seeking and watching today, shall truly at this Christmas time, find Peace, as it streams with the light from a torch lit stable.

MARTIN LUTHER SAID:

"I am much afraid that universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

Power Pollutes

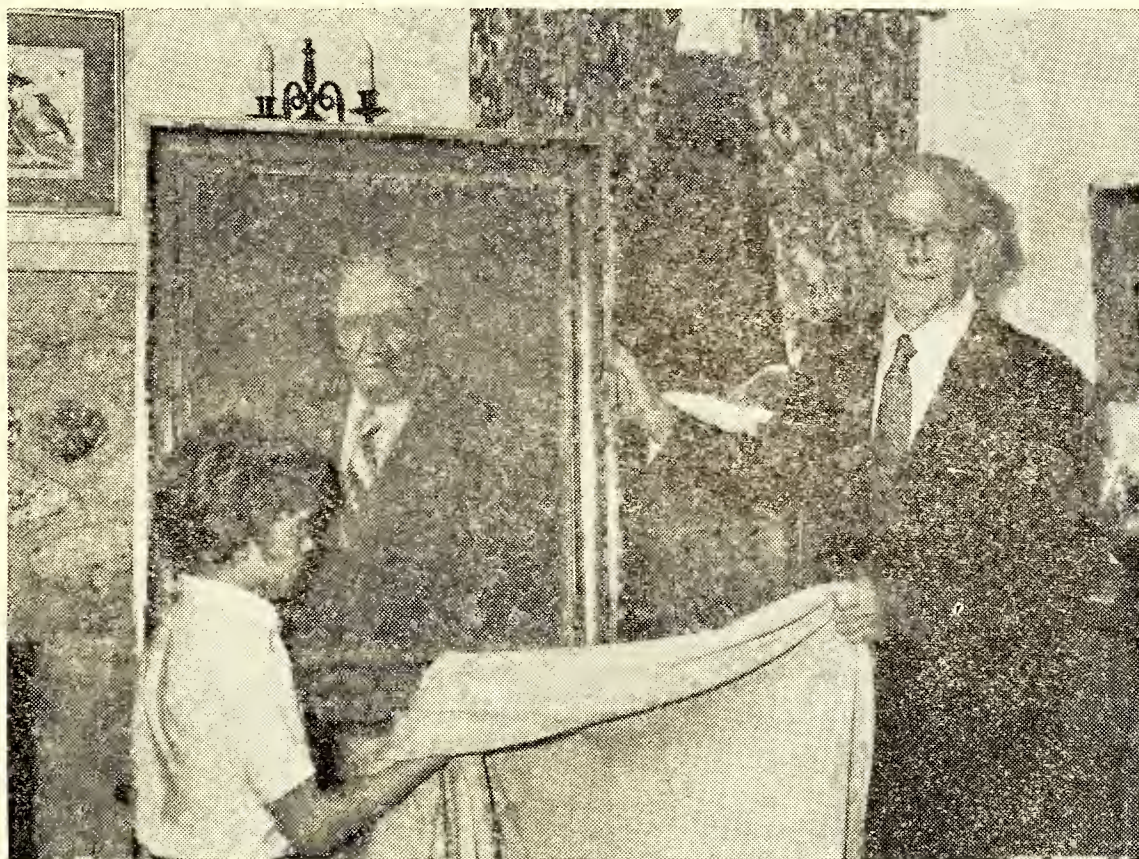
(Rev. John S. Johnson)

Solomon "excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind." (I Kings 10:23-24). In a democracy he would have gotten most of the votes. People believed in him. They liked his call for "law and order." They liked his demand for justice and righteousness in the nation. But he misused the "wisdom, which God had put into his mind." He forgot the laboring man, the common man, except to manipulate him for his own advantage. He used forced labor, "to build the house of the Lord and his own house." (9:15). He used religion to enhance his standing with the people. But he didn't overlook the opportunity to enrich his own property too, at the public's expense. Too, he who had harped on right dealing discriminated between his friends and his list of enemies. His friends became "his officials, his commanders, his captains, his chariot commanders." But his enemies he "made a forced levy of slaves." (9:21-22).

Power pollutes. As Acton reminds, "All power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." Ecclesiastes dwells on this nation-shaking fact. "What goes on within the world whenever men have power over their fellows." (Eccl. 8:9, Moffatt) It has happened to other national leaders besides Solomon. See king Uzziah. "His fame spread far, for he was tremendously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was false to the Lord his God." (2 Chron. 26:15-16) The capable king liked being king. He became more and more efficient, then dictatorial. He must have more and more power, in order to control events and people, at whatever cost to honesty and human decency. Most any illegal act becomes only a mistaken judgment, done "in the best interest of the nation." Even religion comes to be used as a shield for political advantage. Uzziah became so polluted by his power that he thought he had a perfect right to interpret Church rules according to the dictates of his own corrupted conscience, to "enter the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar." (26:16) But he was called to account for this, "Go out of the Sanctuary; for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God." (26:18)

Solomon began his term of office by humbly praying for wisdom with which to judge and serve his people. He had great power but he began to worship it for its own sake rather than to use it as an instrument for instructing his nation. Such a pattern was not in the best interest of his nation, as worship of power persuades a king to suppose. It was not his enemies who abused him. It was his own adoration of power and personal glory that brought his downfall. Put mildly, "His heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God." (I Kings 11:4)

Every added privilege that comes to you and me tempts us to boost our own ego, deepen our deception. It would be good to learn to pray what we so often say, "For thine (not ours) is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."



PAINTING OF DR. R. H. STONE UNVEILED by Dr. Thomas H. Spence and Robert Tyler Stone III at the William Black home at Montreat.

Portrait Of Dr. Stone Unveiled

Robert Tyler Stone, unveiled a portrait of his grandfather, Dr. Robert Hamlin Stone, in connection with the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the William Black Home for Religious Workers at Montreat, Mrs. Lucie Baxter Dulin was the artist who painted the striking likeness of Dr. Stone,

long time President of the William Black Home.

Present for the occasion, were Mrs. Robert Tyler Stone II, Mrs. T. C. Watson, Jr., (Dr. Stone's daughter), Robert Tyler Stone III, son of (Dr. Stone),

Marian Stellworth Stone, Robert Tyler Stone, III, and Dr. Stone. Dr. Stone has been a long time Chairman of the board of trustees for the home and did outstanding work for the William Black Home.

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Pre - Primary Glendale Class Give \$50 To Orphanage

The Pre-primary Sunday School class of the Glendale Springs Church began saving pennies last year at Thanksgiving for the Grandfather Orphanage. Mrs. Rett Miller who is teacher of this class brought in the savings of the class which amounted to \$50. Mrs. Miller is having a fine response with her little class which she teaches each Sunday.

MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH IS BUSY

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snow flurries, with the temperature falling next day to 20-degrees. But Sunday, Oct. 27, gave us back an hour in the morning, with the clocks being returned to EST.

NOVEMBER has passed quickly this year, with some surprises. On Sunday, Nov. 10, the Educational Unit's heating system ran out of oil, but fortunately the rooms heated by electricity took care of the situation. Wednesday of that week, Nov. 13, all the landscape was white again with snow, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vannoy became proud parents of a little boy. With the Weather continuing cold and colder, there was no school on Friday, Nov. 15. Next day, however, was wedding day for our John Stringer and Miss Crystal Jean Goad. The service was a beautiful one in the little church outside of Hillsville, Va.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Mt Jefferson Church welcomed into its membership four McNeill's who have already been very active amongst us: Mrs. Bob McNeill (Freda), Sherry, Cindy, and Robert E. (Bucky). "Our brotherhood doth rest in Him — the Brother of us all—and o'er the centuries still we hear the Master's winsome call." Bob McNeill's mother is in the hospital as we write this, and Mont Jones, — our prayers are daily for their recovery.

The Thanksgiving Day Service this



LISA ROTEN SAVED 600 PENNIES and gave them for the two orphanages of our Presbytery, Grand Father, and Barium Springs Homes for Children

STRONG MEN

Cod, give us men! A time like this demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands:

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess convictions and a will;

year has been a union service of the churches of the county, and has rightly been upon the day set-apart for it. And so now, we look forward to the celebration of our Lord's nativity.

Men who have honor — men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

Condemn his treacherous flatteries without winking,

All men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking;

For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds,

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United Thanksgiving Service At Glendale

As the custom in the Glendale Springs Field, the three churches, Bethel, Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs met in the Memorial Building for a Thanksgiving dinner and service.

The people gathered at 6 P. M. on Sunday evening, Nov. 24th and a long table through the basement room was full of delicious food, cakes and pies, supplied by each family. A Thanksgiving service was held consisting of slides taken of the church people, hymns of worship and an inspirational talk by Rev. Raymond Scott, one of the professors from Columbia Bible College Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Scott and their son Tommy accompanied Mr. Scott on their visit to Glendale Springs. The congregation was greatly helped by the splendid Thanksgiving message brought to us by Mr. Scott.

Thanks go out to the young people who decorated the basement with appropriate pictures, holly, pumpkins, and candles, to commemorate the season.

An offering was received for the two orphanages of our Presbytery, Grand Father, and Barium Springs Homes for Children. One part of the offering to note was the gift of Lisa Roten who had saved up 600 pennies for the orphanages. Lisa is 8 year old and saved up her pennies for a year to make a gift at this service. Total offering was \$121.19.

God richly blessed our Thanksgiving Service and we wish and pray for all a blessed Thanksgiving Season.

United In Marriage

Mrs. Syble Frances Hart Bare and John Rufus Caudill were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse at Glendale Springs on Sept. 7th, at 5:30 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Luke.

Robert Lewis Home Cited For Beauty

Robert L. Lewis of Glendale Springs just received a special citation from Burlington House. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lewis bought property from L. J. Yelanjian and have done a remarkable work of beauty on this land. The land around their home is known as one of the beauty spots at Glendale Springs. A beautiful lake, wonderful skilled landscaping with many native plants and trees adorn the land around the home. As far as we know this beautiful yard is the only one in North Carolina receiving this citation. We congratulate Mr. Lewis for the skill and hard work that has gone into this work of art.

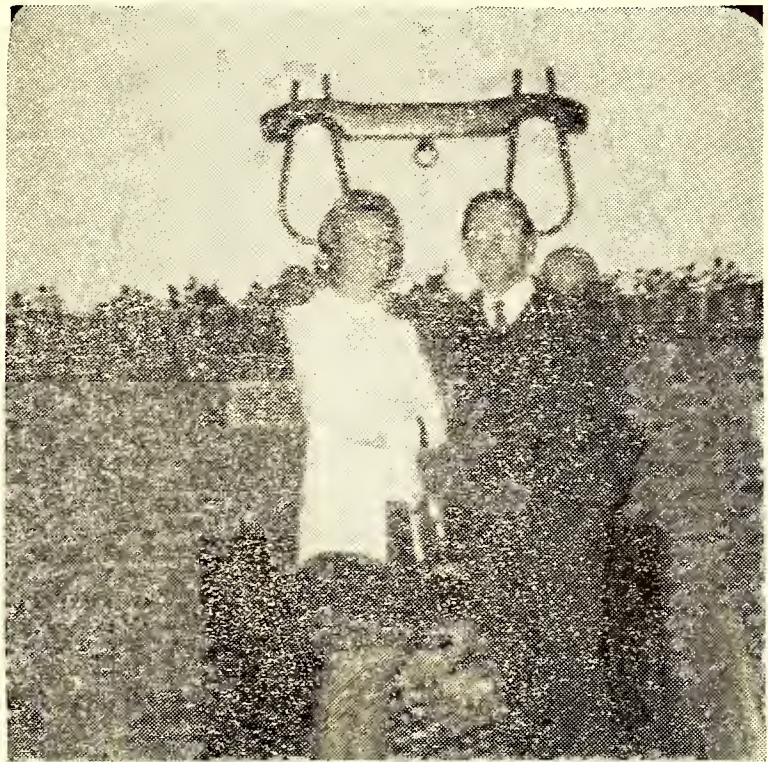
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CLARENCE MILLER

Clarence Miller of the Ebenezer Community was born May 17th, 1897 and passed away Oct. 21st after a period of illness.

Funeral service were held on Oct. 23rd by Revs. Harold O'Dear and Faulton Hodge in the Calvary Baptist Church of Glendale Springs. The final resting place is in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Clarence was a servant of God and may He comfort the Miller family at the passing of their loved one.

MRS. LILLIE MILLER LYLE

Mrs. Lillie Miller Lyle the wife of Thomas Lyle was born May 6th, 1877 and passed away Oct. 9th, 1974, making her life here 97 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church for over 80 years. Funeral service were held Oct. 11th in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church by Revs. Bill Ballou, Paul Phipps, and J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Obids Baptist Church Cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH BOWLIN BARE

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowlin Bare was born Feb., 18, 1880 and passed away Oct. 5th, 1974 making her life on earth 95 years. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church by Revs. Paul Phipps and J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Koans Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. She had been a Christian and church member for a long time.

REEVES SIDNEY MILLER

Reeves Sidney Miller was born June 23rd, 1906 and passed away on Oct. 2nd, 1974. Services were held in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church on October 4th, 1974 by Revs. Paul Phipps and Bill Ballou. Final resting place was in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Reeves was a good neighbor, a good Christian and loyal member of the Baptist Church.

THOMAS JONES BARE

Thomas Jones Bare was born in Ashe County Aug. 10th, 1887 and passed away Sept. 28th, 1974 after a period of illness in the Ashe Memorial Hospital. His life on earth was 87 years. Funeral service were held in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by Revs. R. H. Stone and J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Church Cemetery, which Mr. Bare was so careful in attending.

Thomas Bare was one of the original members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church and a long time officer. He was a steady and loyal Christian.

GAITHER MILLER

Gaither Miller was born July 28th, 1927 and passed away on Nov. 7th, 1974. Funeral service were held in the Calvary Baptist Church by Revs. Harold O'Dear, Paul Phipps, and J. W. Luke. In the last week of his life God touched Gaither's heart and he expressed his faith very clearly in his Saviour. The final resting place is in the Mash Cemetery.

FRANK McGRADY

Frank McGrady was born Oct. 14, 1940 and was called of God on Nov. 11th, 1974 at the age of 34 years.

Services were held in the United Methodist Church of Piney Creek, N. C. by Revs. Fred LeMasters, J. W. Luke and Jimmy Warden. The last resting place was in the Church Cemetery of the Methodist Church.

As a boy Frank attended the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Methodist Church at his passing. We pray God's comfort for his family.

MRS. BELLE DARNELL KILBY

Mrs. Belle Darnell Kilby was born in Wilkes County March 11, 1872 and passed away Nov. 15th 1974 in Winston-Salem. Funeral service were held in Winston-Salem and later a grave side surface was held by Rev. J. W. Luke at the Kilby Cemetery in Wilkes County. Mrs. Kilby was a member of the Millers Presbyterian Church while she lived in Wilkes County.

VIRGIL GILBERT BARNES

Virgil Gilbert Barnes was born in Ashe County on Dec. 3rd, 1929 and

passed away in an Automobile wreck on Nov. 4th, 1974. Funeral service were held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Glendale Springs on Nov. 7th.

The clergymen who held the funeral were Revs. Harold O'Dear, Tommy Simonds and Klement Childress.

We pray God will comfort the parents, the widow, children and others of the Barnes family. Virgil was a professing Christian and a member of the Baptist Church.

Faith came singing into my room
And other guests took flight;
Fear, Anxiety, Grief and Gloom
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be,
But Faith said gently, "Don't you see,
They really cannot live with me!"

A MOMENT WITH HIM

We mutter and sputter,
We fume and we spurt;
We mumble and grumble,
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Deaths

HOWARD L. LITTLE

Howard L. Little, 62, died of an heart attack. He was a member of the Foster Memorial Church where his funeral was conducted on August 23rd by Revs. R. H. Stone and Carl H. Stark, Jr. He was buried in the Ham Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Little, a daughter Mrs. Tom Gentry, of Charlotte; one son, Rex Little of Jefferson.

RICHARD ROYAL

Richard Royal of Wilkes County passed away at the ripe age of 89. Mr. Royal when he lived in the Miller Community was a member of the Miller's Presbyterian Church of Wilbar, N. C. Mr. Royal was a fine citizen, a quiet Christian who never interfered with others. Funeral service was held in the New Light Baptist Church on Reddies River. Snow and bad weather prevented the immediate burial. The interment carried out the next day. May God comfort the widow and family of Mr. Royal.

WILEY D. STANSBERRY

Wiley DeWitt Stansberry, 46, son of Mrs. Lizzie Stansberry of the Gillespie Church, where his funeral was conducted October 4th by Rev. Reeves Jones and Rev. R. H. Stone. He was buried in the Ashelawn Cemetery. He is survived by his mother; two daughters; two sons and three sisters.

LEE HUFF

Lee Huff, 79. He was a Deacon in the Lansing Church. For twenty five years he was a policeman in New York City. He had military service in World War I. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maude Sturgill Goss Huff; two daughters; one son; one step-daughter and one step-son. His funeral was conducted in the Badger's Funeral Chapel on October 15th. Interment was in the Ashelawn Cemetery with a military funeral. The ministers were Rev. R. H. Stone and Dr. R. L. Stamper.

MRS. MAE LYNCH

Mrs. Mae Welch Lynch, 59, died of an heart attack on July 12, 1974. Her funeral was held in the Lansing Church, where she once attended by Rev. R. H. Stone. She is survived by five daughters and six sons. Her burial place is the Lansing Cemetery.

W. CLARENCE STANSBERRY

W. Clarence Stansberry, 70, died of a heart attack on July 12th. He was the husband of Mrs. Villar Sapp Stansberry who is a loyal member of the Gillespie Church. His funeral was conducted in the Badgers Funeral Chapel. He was buried in the Goss-Family Cemetery. The ministers were Revs. R. H. Stone and Dr. Robert L. Stamper.

Rev. James Naismith Invents Basketball

Basketball season is in full swing, and many would like to know who invented the game. In 1891 Lew Alcindor received the 1st James Naismith Basketball Trophy for the player of the year. This trophy was named from Rev. James Naismith a Scotch Presbyterian young man born in Ontario, Canada.

James Naismith was a brilliant theological student in the Presbyterian

College and Seminary in Montreal. He also graduated as a doctor of medicine and received a Master Degree in gymnastics. In Springfield, Mass. Naismith became a director in gymnastics in the Y. M. C. A. It is here he invented basketball. The winter indoor sports were boring so at the suggestion of a director of the Y. M. C. A. Naismith originated a new game, that could be played indoors.

He took a round rugby football and got the janitor to bring him two peach baskets, which he nailed up 10 feet high at each end of the gymnasium. Nine players on each side made up the teams. Thirteen rules were written by Naismith and the game began. It was called basketball because they used peach baskets for goals. When a player made a goal a person had to climb a ladder and get the ball out of the basket. Later the baskets which let the

ball go through the nets were invented.

Rev. James Naismith took a position as chaplain and athletic director in the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, Kansas. He organized sports for the soldiers in the U. S. Army in the First World War to build up the morale and fight corruption among the soldiers.

During the Olympic Games in Germany he assisted the coaches and ate dinner with Hitler during the games. He made a deep impression upon Hitler for he sent a letter of sympathy to his widow when Naismith died Nov. 28th, 1939.

We might mention here that Naismith although a brilliant student of the Bible yet did not receive his Doctor's Degree until later on account of taking a position in Y. M. C. A. His Seminary conferred upon his his D. D. degree later as a Presbyterian Minister.

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SERENITY, which never grows irritated or annoyed, which refuses to be ruffled even when people are unreasonable and things go wrong.

KINDNESS, which always thinks the best of others, and whose first instinct is not to condemn, but to understand.

HUMILITY, which never stands on its own rights; which never insists on its own place; which does not seek for thanks or praise, so long as the work is done.

GRACIOUSNESS, which delights to praise; which is never courteous even in the smallest things; which can receive favors with gratitude, and which can confer them without putting people under a sense of obligation.

And **SYMPATHY**, which can rejoice with those who do rejoice, and which can weep with those who weep; which is more eager to try to understand why someone else went wrong than to condemn him for going wrong; which is lawys ready to try to understand a belief or a point of view which is not its own; which takes as much pleasure in the success of others as in its own.

Grant that there may be upon our lives the spirit of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may perfectly fulfill His commandment that we should love one another. This we ask for Christ's sake. Amen."

—The British Weekly

"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.



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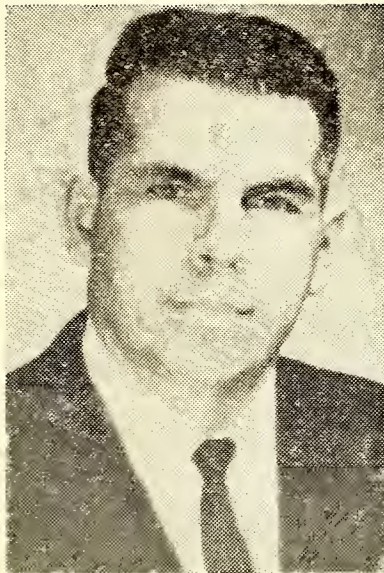
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REV. WAYNE DIXON

Rev. Wayne Dixon Now Living At Ennice

Rev. Wayne Dixon who is now living at Ennice, N. C., has been the invited preacher in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches. The Presbytery of Concord has examined Mr. Dixon and he is now in a position to receive a call from the Glendale Springs Field of Churches in Ashe County. The following information gives the details of Rev. Wayne Dixon's life. The Glendale Springs Field welcomes Mr. Dixon and his family into this field. He has made many friends among the people of our communities.

A native of Statesville, N. C., and now a resident of Ennice, N. C.

Served in the U. S. Navy as a Combat-Air-Crewman, and Parachute Rigger on the U. S. S. Roosevelt and the U. S. S. L. S. T. - 29.

Law-Enforcement officer as a Detective Sergeant with the Statesville (Continued on page 3)

Ministerial Assoc. Plans Recreation

The Ashe County Ministerial Association had been planning a recreation fellowship in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs and finally had a good time playing basketball and other games on Thursday, February 27th. Coffee and doughnuts were served for refreshments.

We trust the ministers had a good time and will come in greater numbers for fellowship again.



Lansing News

Since the last issue of the paper the Lansing sanctuary has been beautifully decorated with candles and lights and palms for two weddings. The first was on December 21st when Miss Geneva Divers Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard Jones, became the bride of Mr. Thomas F. Coffey, Jr. of Statesville. Mrs. Ray Blevins was at the organ for the music and Mrs. Matthew Reynolds was the soloist. Rev. R. H. Stone was the minister. Their honeymoon was at Nassau. They are living in Morganton, N. C.

The second wedding was performed by Dr. Robert L. Stamper on Sunday the 9th of February when Miss Cathy Anne Poe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Poe became the bride of Mr. Robert Roland Barr. The church was similarly decorated. Again Mrs. Ray Blevins was the organist, with Mrs. Kathrina Walker, the soloist. The newly weds went to Mexico for their honeymoon.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church was blessed by the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Montgomery, Alabama when a group of young people and adults came loaded with scores of Christmas presents along with sacks of candy and seasonable fruits. Before these were distributed there was a Christmas program.

On another occasion Mr. Broward Segrest, a lawyer preached to the congregation. He is an Elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Montgomery. He had helped with the Vacation Bible School. His address is c/o Westminister Presbyterian Church, Woodley Road, Montgomery, Ala. 36111.

Mr. Robert L. Wolfe, who had helped with the Vacation Bible School and also with the Christmas program, was also at the service of worship with Mr. (Continued on page 4)

Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church

By: Rev. Thomas Smith

Now that the winter is over and past, and flowers appear on the earth — with the time of the singing of birds come again — the winter months seem long gone by. But there is interest in recalling them. Do you remember the last night of November with its thunder and lightning and snow? DECEMBER thus came in with a foot of snow covering everything. We had only the Sunday School Service on Dec. 1. But the following Sunday (Dec. 8), every thing was in full swing again; and evening of the Sunday, in a union service, the Ashe County Music Club presented the Christmas Cantata in the sanctuary, then carol singing in the Social Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 15, we had a fine turnout, and were glad to have our friends Lulu Belle and Scotty in our midst. Afternoon of that Sunday, the young people decorated the Christmas tree for the season; and in the evening there was the Joy Gift Supper and program, along with the film-strip presentation of the old favorite, "The Other Wiseman." The following week, Mt. Jefferson was responsible for the morning devotions over the radio; and that week we had a casualty in Miss Linda Ham, hospitalized (but not for long).

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, was a day full of remembrance of the coming of that Light "which lighteth every soul that cometh into the world." In the afternoon — Lee Eldreth furnished the truck — Mannon and Mary Alice crammed 26 young people into it and traversed the area singing carols to shut-ins, after which the 26 returned to the church and had hot chocolate. The Christmas program was held in the evening, with singing and treat, tree and Santa, and with exchange of (Continued on page 4)

Ashe Ministerial Association Supper

At the invitation of Rev. Benny Clodfellow, the ministers of the Ashe County Ministerial Association with their wives met at the Warrensville Parsonage on January 23rd, at 6:30 p. m. for an evening of dinner and fellowship.

Delicious food was served in abundance, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. This was the annual fellowship supper of the association which is planned each year. Everyone appreciated the fine hospitality of the Warrensville Methodist Church and their pastor.

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"IT IS FINISHED"

(Rev. John Johnson)

(EDITORIAL)

His last words. What did those words mean to Caiaphas, the arrogant church leader? We see him standing with his long, grey beard, dressed in his dignified robe. "Yes, you the carpenter's son, it is finished now, finished the delusions that blurred your vision, finished the foolishness that flowed like a fever in your blood. I never watched a cross before. But this I had to see. I don't like it. But it had to be. If only you had been sensible, stayed back in the hills of Galilee where you belonged! But you had to come to our holy city, into the temple itself, hurl your high hat into our teeth. We could not ignore it. This is not a nice way to deal with heretics. But how else can decency and order be preserved in state and church. Man you're finished. I'm sorry for you. But I'm glad your idea is ended."

What did those words mean to Mary, his mother? "Thank God, it is finished! I came to you once in Capernaum and urged you to stop teaching. People weren't ready for your ideas. I wanted you back home, to lead a more quiet life. You thought you were wiser than your mother. I knew you were God's anointed and thought you were doing his will and I loved you. But now it has ended here, and such an end. I was in Pilate's yard, my son, when he brought you out. I saw them press the crown of thorns upon your head. But I was proud of you, my son, proud! For in all that sea of hate, you alone were calm. You bore yourself like a king. When they drove in the nails and raised the wood, I closed my eyes and dropped my head and prayed, 'O God, let it end, let it end swiftly!' Now my prayer is answered. It is finished. You my son will be at peace."

What did those words mean to the Apostle Peter, a follower? We see him standing somewhere on that hate-filled hill, apart from the others, a solitary figure, ashamed, fearful, hopeless. "Yes, it is finished, Master, finished!

**THE NUDGING AND TUGGING
OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD
(EDITORIAL)**

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:7.

I was standing by a sea shore one day and watched the restlessness of a full rigged sail boat tugging at her lines that held her to the wharf. The waves rushing in and out, seemed to urge the ship to break away and put out into the deep.

The wind also filled the loosely furlled sails, as if to say, unfurl your wings, let's fly out to sea. I have the power to drive you out into the great ocean where you belong. You do not belong here tied up to this dock.

Today, it seems to me the Holy Spirit like the waves and the wind is urging, is tugging, at our hearts and our churches to enter out into the world in the power of the Spirit of God, but many are moored to the wharf of idleness by the ropes of an easy life. Some say we need the power of more organization, or we need greater sums of money, or we need more complicated ritual. Some say we need to compromise our convictions, and throw out a shallow but united front to the world. Some say we need more action in the social world, even if it does not come from the converted heart of love.

The churches that are growing today are those who seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Yes, they are the ones that emphasize the leading of the Holy Spirit of God. Many of these churches do not have the well trained and educated ministry that some of the older denominations have, but some how they are reaching the people. They are building the Kingdom at a rapid rate.

There is a restlessness in our world today like there has never been before. Among many of the less educated church, there seems to be an urgency to go out and reach unsaved people all around us, for they say the

I remember that day by the sea when you spoke to us as never man spake. We left our boats, our homes, our families, and followed you. Though our journey ends here on this helpless hill, still it was a happy time while it lasted. What a joy to see a darkened face light up with wonder of the new way. What a thrill to see blind eyes opened to the vision of life's glad meaning. Each day some fresh understanding, some new victory. When you set your face toward Jerusalem our hearts sang of a glorious revolution. Now you would start your kingdom. But now our hope is gone, our foolish vision vanished. Finished is the brief, dreamland adventure, finished on this ugly hill! This is your kingdom, a cross. We'll go back to our fishing boats, our nets. But O Master, it will never be the same again."

Finished? No, accomplished. Completely carried through. A new beginning for mankind. Death died. Love lives. Peter who had denied began to proclaim. A huddle of dispirited humans transformed into a valiant band of victorious lives, transformed lovers. It is finished. It is beginning. Stop carpentering, Caiaphas. Stop crying, Mary. Stop denying, Peter. Jesus lives. So can you!

**News From Glade
Valley School**

Glade Valley School was founded in the mountains in the year of 1909 when schools were very scarce in the country. It has served the church and especially the youth from our mountain counties as well as many others from far and wide. Under the leadership of Dr. George Denning Jackson, Glade Valley has taken on a new life.

Last year the student body numbered 82, this year it has increased to 120. A profile of where the students originate according to percentage is as follows:

Area of Orange Presbytery 42%
Area of Concord Presbytery 12%
Other N. C. localities 30%
Other states & countries 16%

Other states and countries are as follows: California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, S. C., Tennessee, Virginia, Colombia, Republic of Turkey, the Virgin Islands

The religious activities consist not only of regular church services and Sunday School, but outstanding ministers are invited to hold vesper services for the students. The following outstanding men have spoken this year: Dr. W. H. Foster, Jr., Arlington, Va.; Dr. Kirk Allen, of High Point, N. C.; Mrs. Ted Hall and group of young people from the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church; Rev. Pat McGeachy of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Clement Lamberth of Concord Presbytery; The Youth Bible Club of Davie County; The Rev. Donald Mimbs of Sparta, N. C.; Rev. Michael Reynolds of the Methodist Church.

Day of the Lord is not far away.

One of the managers of the largest stores in one of our towns asked me one day as I visited with him in his office. "Have you heard the old man who walks our streets and says in a quiet way—'Jesus is coming soon'?" I said, "No, I have not met this gentleman," but one day as I was hurrying across a street, a man met me going the other way, and as he passed, these words fell from his lips, "Jesus is coming soon." I do not know who the man is, or whether he is a "crackpot" as some could call him, yet the Spirit of God has worked in that man's heart and he is impelled in his way to impress upon the world that Jesus is coming soon.

Perhaps today we are not letting the breathing of God's Spirit, and the tugging of his power cast us out into the deep of a restless world.

Recently I read the following in a little devotional calendar: "Oh, brethren, awake! Sinners are perishing, saints are starving, the work of the Lord is languishing. This is no time for petty discords and ecclesiastical scruples. While you are disputing over question and trifles, others with, it may be, less light and less intelligence, are bringing their sheaves home with joy!"

"O Christ Thou heavenly Lamb, Joy of the Father's heart.

Now let Thy love my soul inflame, fresh power to me impart.

Power lost souls to win from Satan's mightily hold,

Power the wanderers to bring back to the heavenly fold."

Completion Of The Wade Rose Chapel At Ashe Hospital

In this paper you will see the picture of the west window in the end of the Wade Rose Memorial Chapel in the corner of the Ashe Memorial Hospital. The original chapel room was shorter until the room was lengthened by twelve feet to the corner of the porch. This work was done by the Jim Vannoy Construction Company. Inside of the chapel the carpet has been laved and the pews manufactured by Mr. Bazel Barr have been placed. Other facilities will be completed in the chapel in the near future.

The Ashe County Ministerial Association which has the responsibility of developing the chapel are planning a public dedication service in the near future when the chapel is completed.

Funds for the chapel were donated at the passing of Coach Wade Rose before the building of the hospital. The chapel was included in the plans of the New Ashe Memorial Hospital.

REV. WAYNE DIXON NOW LIVING AT ENNICE

Continued from page

Police Department and Patrolman with the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Employed with Johnson Motor Lines, Charlotte, N. C. before enrolling at Gardner-Webb College to study for the Ministry. Graduated from Mars Hill College with the B. A. Degree, then enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. and graduated with the Master of Divinity Degree in 1938.

Served Churches in Raleigh, N. C., Washington, D. C. and Charlotte, N. C. before accenting this call.

Also graduate of the School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Graduate of the Clinical Pastoral Training School of Dorothy Dix Hospital at Raleigh, N. C.

Served as a member of the Ministerial Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. and Vice President of the Mecklenburg Baptist Pastors Conference.

Married to the former Nancy Ellen Lay, a Statesville Native, have three children, Kathy (Mrs. Fred Ramsey) Shelby, N. C., Gary (Sophomore) Alleghany High School, Charles 'Chuck' (5th Grade) Glade Creek Elementary.

Hobby: Flying (Private Pilot) Also Officiating High School Football, and Baseball. (Former Member of the Charlotte Sky-Divers).

Of Interest To The Mountain Churches

Commission on the Minister of the Concord Presbytery took the following action which should be interesting to our mountain churches.

Rev. Calvin Wayne Dixon was approved for a call from the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Churches.

The Rev. L. B. Colquitt, Jr., was approved as Interim Supply for the First Presbyterian Church of Boone,



WADE ROSE MEMORIAL CHAPEL in the corner of the
Ashe Memorial Hospital

Engagement Of Miss Sharyne Cox To Bob Ziebarth

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Cox of
Trenton, N. J. wish to announce the

N. C. taking the place of Rev. J. K.
Parker, Jr. who is honorably retired
by March 31st.

engagement of their daughter, Sharyne
to Robert L. Ziebarth of Wyoming,
Michigan.

The bride-elect is a student at Col-
umbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.

Her fiancé is a Vietnam Veteran
and a graduate of Columbia Bible Col-
lege. He is presently serving as young
people's director and assistant pastor
in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian
Field of Churches.

The wedding is planned for June
8th at the Glendale Springs Presby-
terian Church.

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NEWS FROM LANSING FIELD

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Segrest.

A third member of the preaching party was Mr. Andy Walker, one time a citizen of Raleigh, N. C. is now addressed at the Westminster Church at Woodley Road, Montgomery, Ala. 361-11. The ladies of the church had prepared a good dinner for the group.

GILLESPIE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Gillespie Presbyterian Church was visited by a group of Young People accompanied by Rev. Zach Thomas, Associate Pastor, of the Steele Creek Church near Charlotte. They brought a Christmas program after which presents were given to all including Christmas candies and fruits.

The women of the church served the visitors with a bountiful supper.

STEELE CREEKERS VISITED LANSING

During the early Fall a big bus stopped in front of the Lansing Presbyterian Church loaded with members of the Steele Creek Church of Charlotte. Others who wanted to spend a night in the mountains came in their cars. In all there were about one hundred. The pastor, Rev. Lewis W. Bledsoe preached to the congregation that filled the sanctuary. Members of the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Churches came for the service. Dr. Stamper had arranged for the combined congregations to serve the visitors a cafeteria dinner in the Lansing Elementary School Cafeteria. After which the visitors went to see other churches and get views from the mountain heights.

APOLOGIES!

The December 1974 issue of this paper carried front page article, "LANSING CHURCH TO CALL A MINISTER." The Session had called a congregational meeting for the purpose of calling a minister on December 8th. It had been well advertised in the County Paper and over the radio. A good congregation was present.

The day before the meeting the minister to be called telephoned the Presbytery to get in touch with the Lansing Church and say not to call him, for he could not accept the call from Lansing nor any other church. So Lansing is still without a pastor.

A group of Young People and adults of several of the Presbyterian Churches of Atlanta came to Lansing with a Christmas program and gifts for a host of people. There was a bag of old fashioned chocolate drops and other Christmas candies and fruits. The visitors were given a cordial welcome. The members of the Sunday School and others were greatly pleased with the gifts.

The Lansing Church wanted to have a likeness of their first minister, Rev. R. H. Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Osborne, of Millers Creek, members of the church, and photographers of note, took a number of pictures in color. The choice one was selected and enlarged and framed and was hung in the vestibule of the church.

Prior to the unveiling Dr. Stamper made an address of appreciation of Mr. Stone's pastorate and of his recent help in supplying the pulpit when neither he or his son, Dr. Bruce Stam-

MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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gifts.

Christmas week was, as ever, exhilarating; and ere it was over, it bore a sign of spring in the arrival of the Burpee Seed Catalogue. Dec. 29, was a fifth Sunday in the month, and so the Mt. Jefferson Choir assisted Dr. Stone in the 9:00 o'clock service at the Grandview Rest Home, Ill, at the close of 1974, were Mr. Jim McLaurin and Mrs. Ruby Ballard — our prayers (then and now) go up for them.

JANUARY 1, 1975 came in with a morning rainbow. And on the first Sunday of the year, Jan. 5 we sat down at the Lord's Table — no better way to enter the unknown of a New Year. The service was taken to shut-ins in the afternoon. In January, others of our number (besides Mr. McLaurin) were in the hospital for some days. There was Mr. John Reeves, Mrs. Dale Baldwin, and Mrs. Jim Reeves, — all back and active again.

FEBRUARY of this year also came in with a rainbow in our area. Then on Feb. 4 (Tues.), we awoke to 6-inches of snow and the notice "No School." The following Sunday, Feb. 9, our Mr. Bob Barr and Miss Cathy Poe were wed in the bride's home church at Lansing. Then Monday of that week, Feb. 10, the Ashe County Cub Scouts "Pinewood Derby" was run at the Mt. Jefferson Downs before a hall-full of people.

Thursday, Feb. 13, brought good news from Major Burge in Arkansas, whose letter — telling of arrested cancer — was later read to the congregation. Our Communicants Class for year began Friday, Feb. 14. On Feb.

per were present. The congregation thought that the picture was a splendid likeness of the minister.

"Will A Man Rob God?"

(From Poe Wee Valley News)

It has been said that if any Christian tithes, he will have five surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life.
3. At the ease in meeting his own obligations.

4. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and wise steward of the nine-tenths that remains.
5. At himself for not adopting the plan sooner.

The Church believes that its members must study the tithe as an ancient law of God; must recognize it as a spiritual blessing in many lives today; must consider their own giving in the light of the New Testament Christ who calls for total dedication; and must start somewhere on a percentage giving program which symbolizes a definite response to the Lord who gave him all for us.

18, we saw our first two robins of the year, and five days later had to rise an hour earlier (doings of the bureaucracy not the robins).

Sunday, Feb. 23, the Ashe County Day Care Center — in which a number of our people have a part — held "Open House" in their newly constructed home. It was a pleasant occasion. The end of February has found Mr. Shirly Ham and also Bob McNeill's mother in the hospital. Our prayers are that they, and Mr. McLaurin, may soon be back amongst us in health and strength again. So now, all eyes are turned to Easter.

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By: J. W. Luke

One dark and damp and dreary day
When all about a dense fog lay,
I walked along a busy street,
My head was wet also my feet.

The day so filled my heart with chill
I stepped into a little grill,
A bit of food to cheer my soul
For I was hungry tired and cold.

The order given for some food
I settled down in dreary mood,
As I waited soon I heard
The chirping of a little bird.

There he was a sprightly fellow
All dressed up in a coat of yellow,
A little prisoner in a cage
He sang and whistled like a page.

He chirped and whistled, trilled and sang
'Till the room with music rang,
And lift' my soul on that dark day
And took it to meadows far, far away.

Where the sun did play with a babbling brook
And the green frogs dive without a look,
And the rushes grow stout and tall,
Where the red wing bird his mate did call.

And the Meadow Larks in the tall grass sing
And everywhere is the breath of spring,
Mav God bless thee little bird
For the songs that I have heard.

And the message that you have brought,
And the lesson that you have taught,
Little wings within a prison
Yet above thy state has risen.

Little creature full of cheer
Bringing joy to all who hear,
You have cheered me friend of mine,
And I shall name thee "Caged Sunshine."

In Memory Of Loved Ones

SHADE MILLER

Mr. Shade Miller was called of God from this life on February 27th after a period of illness. Mr. Miller was born in Wilkes County, December 24th, 1891, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller. He was married to Miss Maggie Woodie who has preceded him in death. About three years ago Mr. Miller requested baptism on profession of his belief in Christ. He was received by Rev. J. W. Luke and enrolled as a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. He was a good citizen and a good neighbor all of his life, and was a retired farmer. May our Heavenly Father comfort his loved ones.

JOHNSIE BROOKS ATWOOD

Mrs. Johnsie Brooks Atwood, wife of Mr. Winston Atwood, and daughter of the former Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brooks of the Ore Knob community,

The Birthdays Of Two Great Men

February is the month of the birthdays of two great men in our country's history. Abraham Lincoln was born on the 12th and George Washington on the 22nd.

In honor of these two men we will write a selection to their memory.

The first one is to Abramham Lincoln.

"THE BOOK HE READ"

By: E. F. Tittle

Lincoln's indebtedness to the Bible is obvious and beyond dispute. He read it in his boyhood and its influence over him increased with the years.

In his public addresses he quoted from the Bible more often than from any other book, and this was the smallest part of his debt to it. The Bible influenced his literary style, which indeed was molded on the writing of the great people of Israel, as is especially evident in his deeply moving Second Inaugural, which read like a leaf from Isaiah.

And more, the Bible gave direction

died in the Alleghany County Memorial Hospital on February 24, 1975. After a long and suffering illness spent in rest homes and hospitals she died after an earthly pilgrimage of 77 years. She was a long time member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. In former years she had been an active and faithful servant of her church, where her funeral was held and her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband and four daughters.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes."

to his thought. To an extent probably unparalleled among modern statesmen, Abraham Lincoln thought in terms of Bible ideas and convictions.

The second great man born in February is the Father of our Country, George Washington. Here is a story that most all the children have heard written by Parson Weems.

YOUNG GEORGE WASHINGTON WOULD NOT TELL A LIE

By: Parson Weems

"George," said his father, "do you know who killed that beautiful little cherry tree younder in the garden?"

This was a tough question; and George staggered under it for a moment; but quickly recovered himself; and looking at his father, with the sweet face of youth brightened with truth, he bravely cried out, "I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie. I did cut it with my hatchet."

"Run to my arms, you dearest boy," cried his father in transports, "run to my arms; glad am I, George, that you killed my tree; for you have paid me for it a thousand fold."

Christ Is Risen

He is risen! He is risen!
Weep no more, oh hearts forlorn.
He is risen! He is risen!
Joy come early in the morn.

He is risen! He is risen!
Earth could not hold the Son of God.
He is risen! He is risen!
He is not in earth's dark sod.

He is risen! He is risen!
From death's bondage He is free.
He is risen! He is risen!
And to heaven has the key.

He is risen! He is risen!
How all hearts are made to thrill...
He is risen! He is risen!
All may find Him if they will.

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A Little Child Prays

(M. B. Betham Edwards)

God make my life a little light,
Within the world to glow.
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

God make my life a little flower
That giveth joy to all,
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although the place be small.

God make my life a little song,
That comforteth the sad;
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad.

God make my life a little staff
Whereon the weak may rest;
That so much health and strength I
have
May serve my neighbors best.

God make my life a little hymn
Of tenderness and praise;
Of faith that never waxeth dim
In all His wondrous ways.

Youth Will Attend Spring Conference

Peggy Wyatt and Teresa Whittington and Mike Blevins are planning to go to the Spring Conference at the Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. for the weekend of April 12th. Bob Ziebarth will drive down for the conference.

I Wonder . . . I Wonder

(Myrtle Leora Nelson)

A child is often questioning
For his mind is full of wonder. . .

What can make the lightning flash,
What can cause the thunder?

How can a little cricket chirp
By clapping his knees together?

What makes the seasons come and go.
And fair or stormy weather?

Why does the snow come down in
flakes,
Each one a work of art?

How can a swallow find its way,
Not having map or chart?

How do the leaves know when to
change
To gorgeous shades in the fall?

Little one . . . God has the perfect
answer,
God . . . the creator of all.

FAITH

Faith came singing into my room
And other guests took flight;
Fear, Anxiety, Grief and Gloom
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be,
But Faith said gently, "Don't you
see,
They really cannot live with me!"

Follow Me

By: Vivian Hackney

"I am the resurrection;
Follow Me and you shall live.
Follow Me for life eternal."
What greater gift has He to give?

Follow me! Have we obeyed Him?
Do we walk in love and light?
Do we let His radiant Spirit
Dispel all the fears of night?

"Follow Me!" What peace and comfort
Can be ours day after day,
If we walk in humble service
In the Master-chosen way.

What Is An Automobile?

(Ashe Presbyterian)

An automobile is a four wheeled vehicle invented and developed by men of the twentieth century, propelled by power equal to 300 or more fast and strong horses, an implement, when guided by a careful driver can be of great service to man, but on the other hand, guided by a drunk or careless driver can dash men into eternity without warning.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF CONCORD PRESBYTERY

April 23rd — 6:30 p. m. — First Presbyterian Church, Shelby, N. C.;
April 24th — 10:30 a. m. — First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C.;
April 24th — 6:30 p. m. — Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem,

What Is A Alcoholic Drink?

It is the Devil subtly transformed into various forms of liquid, whereby he can enter into the stomach and mind of a man. It is made and sold by selfish men who do not value the lives and souls of their fellow men, causing them to be insane, to break marriage vows, to make children homeless, to curse, to kill, to sin against God and his fellow men and finally dashes his soul into Hell.

Mr. And Mrs. Hall Celebrate Anniversary

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hall arranged a secret celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary for their parents. The dinner room of the Memorial Building was decorated on Saturday. There were many guests, family, friends and neighbors who surprised the Halls on Sunday evening, January 26th. Refreshments consisting of punch, coffee and cake were served.

Many beautiful presents were also presented to the Halls. May God bless Paul and his wife Annie and may they have many more wonderful years of married life.

Stated Meeting Of The Presbytery

April 22nd — First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, N. C.

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IF THE PAPER IS LATE

If the Ashe Presbyterian is late, it is caused by the editor being in the hospital for two weeks after surgery. Please excuse the delay.

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Rev. Mimbs Installed As Minister Feb. 9

Rev. Donald Mimbs was installed as the minister of the Sparta Presbyterian Church on Feb. 9 at 4 p. m.

Dr. George D. Jackson, the President of Glade Valley School was the moderator of the installation.

The service was held as follows:

Dr. George D. Jackson propounded the questions to the congregation and to the new pastor, Rev. Donald Mimbs. (Rev. Donald Mimbs is a retired Navy Chaplain.)

The Prayer of Consecration was said by the Rev. Warren Murphy, retired Air Force Chaplain, now living in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The charge to the minister was pronounced by the Rev. Tom Bagnal Industrial Chaplain of Quality Mills, Mt. Airy, N. C.

The charge to the congregation was given by Elder Allen Knox of the North Carolina National Bank, Statesville, N. C.

Others who served on the commission were Capt. Dave Humphreys CHC(USN retired, Virginia Beach, Va., Elder Arnold Young, attorney of Sparta, N. C. Elder Dean Miller, of Sparta, an elder of Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. Elder Oscar Stevens, Elder of the Bisco Presbyterian Church.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Donald Mimbs and the congregation welcomed the Mimbs by a cordial handshake by all.

Ashe Ministerial Assn. Recreation

The Ashe County Ministerial Association is invited to have a recreational evening in the Luke Memorial Building on March 25. Basketball, shuffle board, ping pong, and volley ball will be the forms of recreation. Coffee and doughnuts will be served after recreation.

United Service At Laurel Fork

The Laurel Springs Baptist Church and the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church have a united service each Easter. Rev. Wayne Dixon will preach for the morning service at the Bap-

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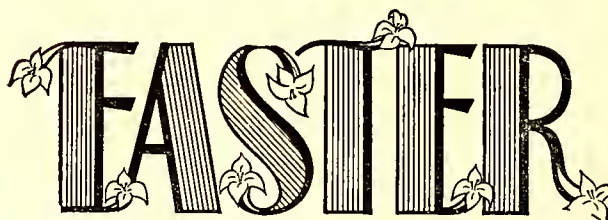
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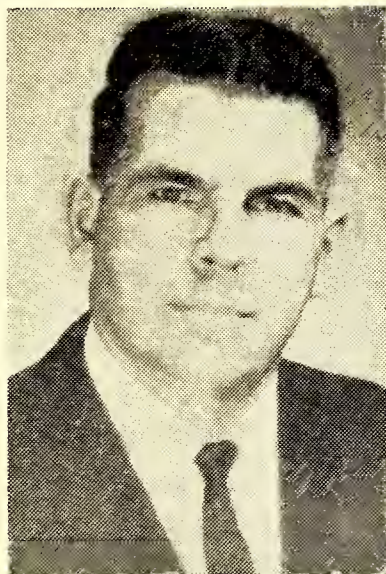
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REV. WAYNE DIXON

Installation Service At Glendale Springs

The following is the agenda of the installation service of Rev. Wayne Dixon as the new minister of the Laurel Fork and the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Churches.

The Service of Installation of Calvin Wayne Dixon As Minister Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches, Lord's Day, May 4, 1975
Prelude

Hymn — "O Worship the King" No. 4
Invocation Mr. Delmer Rose

Hymn — "The Church's One Foundation" No. 140

Scripture Reading Rev. James Barksdale

Special Music Mr. George Dension, Jr.
Sermon Rev. James Barksdale

The Question Asked Of the Minister:
Dr. George D. Jackson

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their Pastor agreeably to your declaration in accepting its call?

2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a Pastor to this congregation; and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a Minister of the Gospel of Christ agreeable to your ordination engagements?

The Questions Asked of the Congregations:

1. Do you, the people of these congregations, continue to profess your readiness to receive Calvin Wayne Dixon whom you have called to be your Pastor?

2. Do you promise to receive the
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Peter Marshall's Prayer

THURSDAY — JULY 3rd — 1947
BEFORE — 80th CONGRESS

God of our Fathers, whose Almighty hand hath made and preserved our Nation, grant that our people may understand what it is they celebrate tomorrow.

May they remember how bitterly our freedom was won, the down payment that was made for it, the installments that have been made since this Republic was born, and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty.

May freedom be seen not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to please to do what is right.

May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives.

Let us, as a nation, not be afraid of standing alone for the rights of men, since we were born that way, as the only nation on earth that came into being, "for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

We know that we shall be true to the Pilgrim dream when we are true to the God they worshipped

To the extent that America honors Thee, wilt Thou bless America, and keep her true as Thou hast kept her free, and make her good as Thou hast made her rich. Amen.



Rev. Raymond Scott At Bethel Church

Rev. Raymond Scott, professor at Columbia Bible College preached the morning worship service at Bethel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 8.

A special treat accompanied Rev. Scott in the way of a trio Hans Taul from Austria, Debbie Simmons, of Peru, South America, and David Frank of Illinois sang three songs in preparation of our hearts for the message.

Old Time Revival For Bicentennial

The Ashe County Ministerial Association is planning an old time sawdust trail revival for the Bicentennial. This will take place later in the summer when plans are worked out.



REV. THOMAS I. SMITH

Reverend Thomas Irvine Smith

Rev. Thomas I. Smith, was born in Sherrad, West Virginia on January 19, 1907, the son of Mr. Hugh Alexander and Mrs. Agnes Young Irvine Smith. The ywere Scots. Mr. Smith was justly proud of his Scotch heritage.

On July 23th 1952 he was happily married to Miss Mildred Anne Harrell, in Baltimore, Maryland. This union was blessed with two sons, Hugh David and Thomas Jonathan. He was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College; from Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he had two theological degrees — a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Theology. Theologically, he was a conservative. He was well equipped for the ministry. He was a great student of the Word of God. In his large library there were hundreds of volumes and Biblical studies and commentaries and historical treatises. He would have been a top flight professor of Old Testament Literature in a Theological Seminary. He was active in many of the organizations of Ashe County. He has been a leader in Boy Scout work. He has splendidly filled places as pastor and humanitarian movements. He was active and most useful in the work of the Presbytery.

The last university that he attend 1 was the Harvard Law School. He has been an accountant in the Federal Reserve Bank in Pittsburg. He drew up a profit and loss statement (1937-1941). He had several years' experience in World War II. He was an officer of the Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons, at Camp Davis, North Carolina. He was discharged as a Captain of the Field Artillery. He had foreign service in the Pacific Area.

To return to his outstanding work in the ministry he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of
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WHY NOT HAVE A BICENTENNIAL OF PRAYER?

(EDITORIAL)

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Ps. 33:1a

The United States of America will go all out to celebrate the two-hundredth year from the founding of our nation. 1775 was a great year for the colonies — for the break from the mother country that had become a tyrant to a people who had learned to love freedom. The year 1775 and the few years following were the formative years of our country.

Did we ever consider the part that prayer played in these important years of our nation? In this article I would like to show that not only battles were fought, declarations signed, and a constitution formed, but the formation of the Union was rocked in a cradle of prayer. Men believed in God and his providence in those days. George Washington the Father of our country not only had the persistence to fight the superior British Army but he was a man of prayer.

George Washington in the time of distress where his men suffered in the winter was seen praying in the snow at Valley Forge. After the decisive victory at Trenton the words were spoken by Washington "Let us thank God." A young lieutenant said to Washington "You surely know how to stand up to responsibility." Washington's penetrating eyes searched the young lieutenant's face, then replied, "Where you have someone who will share the burden it is easier to travel the rough road unafraid."

President Washington's Prayer for the Nation:

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And, finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

After the war with Britain had been won and the representatives from each colony had gathered to form the union in 1787 at the Convention in Philadelphia. Five weeks went by and the delegates could not get together. It looked as if the union would be broken up even after the terrible struggle to be free.

Benjamin Franklin arose to his feet and said:

Mr. President,

In this situation of this Assembly, growing, as it were, in the dark, to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of light to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard; and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favour. To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe, that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the building of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial local interests, our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages, and, what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth prayers, imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business; and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.

After this request and prayers were made in the Assembly the colonies came to a suitable agreement and formed the Union which is our United States of America. Through the rough times of the forming of this nation the great men believed in prayer and prayed to God. We are thankful for the providence of God that has per-

OUR NATION'S ENERGY

Rev. John Johnson

(EDITORIAL)

Limited. God gave us vast resources to be used for the good of all. From this has come tremendous energy which we as a nation are wasting at an alarming rate. Someone said, "We treat energy the way a baby treats food — we spill it on to the ground, spew it into the air and smear it on our faces, as if we need not worry about running out." Those who know tell us that our nation, of some 210 million people uses more energy to run air conditioners than is used by some 800 million in China, not just for air conditioners but for all purposes. And that the amount of food consumed by our people would provide 1.5 billion (not million) Chinese their ordinary diet. This does not mean that a Christian need lower their food standard to the average of a person in China, but it does raise a question about our present consumption of energy involved with food.

Too, as a people we give little thought to the ethics of energy if it disturbs present commercial practices or home luxury. With research, which admittedly would cost the consumer a temporary disadvantage, a vast saving of energy would be achieved. The 100-watt light bulb such as most of us now use, uses only 5 percent of its energy to give light. The rest is wasted. This could be changed. Slick advertising coaxes us to use automobiles whose engines waste 80 percent of the fuel burned in them, some getting only 8 or 10 miles per gal. This need not be. "We have motorized gadgets to do nearly everything — brush our teeth, comb our hair, polish our shoes, open our cans, dry our hair."

In such a time when we have less and less of resources, we are using up this energy at a faster and faster rate. Back in the 1940's we used less than one-fourth of the electricity that we are now using per person. They tell us that in the year 1950 we got along pretty well on 50 pounds of meat per person, while now in the U. S. we are eating, despite inflation, 119 pounds per person. In providing all this extra for the taste, immense energy was blown away.

A part of a nation's energy resides in its people's respect for it, and disciplined use of it. The Christian regards the earth's resources as God-given.
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served our nation.

This bicentennial of 1975 we should not only celebrate the formation of our Union but we should renew our prayers in thanksgiving to God that He allowed us to establish the Union and has preserved it.

How appropriate it would be if every state Legislature, and the Congress of the United States would celebrate this bicentennial by appropriate prayers and thanks to God for our nation.

"If my people, who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Alexander Blackburn

Not Serried ranks with flags unfurled,
Not armoured ships that gird the world,
Not hoarded wealth nor busy mills,
Not cattle on a thousand hills,
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws,
Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause—
All these may be, and yet the state
In the eyes of God, be far from great.

That land is great which knows the Lord,
Whose songs are guided by His Word;
Where Justice rules 'twixt man and man,
Where love controls in art and plan,
Where breathing in his native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—
This may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight — Man's best estate.

REVEREND THOMAS IRVINE SMITH

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America from 1947 to 1958, where he had a pastorate in Baltimore, Maryland. He was received in what is popularly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church and was received by Winston-Salem Presbytery on January 21, 1958. Since then he has been pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church and its successor — The Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church. He is the author of "A Soldier's Theology."

He went to his Heavenly home from Ashe County Memorial Hospital on April 3, 1975 — after an earthly pilgrimage of more than 68 years.

To a great degree he was responsible for the renovation of the original sanctuary and the new addition to the edifice. The church grew during his pastorate and became more interested in the denomination as a whole. It will be difficult to fill his shoes as pastor and a leader in several of the committees of the County. He was frequently invited to address popular gatherings.

One of his favorite of the Psalms was the twenty third — "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Also, he liked Tennison's,

"CROSSING THE BAR"

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems a sleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far;
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar."

OUR NATION'S ENERGY

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owned. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Moses the servant of God, of the long ago, just before his death asked this blessing for the tribe of Joseph, "Blessed by the Lord be his land, with the choicest gifts of heaven above . . . with the choicest fruits of the sun and the rich yield . . . with the finest produce of the ancient mountains, and the abundance of the everlasting hills, with the best gifts of the earth and its fulness."

May the Christian have a deep gratitude for the remaining resources of our own land, and seek daily by word and deed to conserve what God has so graciously provided us as a nation.

INSTALLATION SERVICE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

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word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love; and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Miss Evelyn Acheson Moves To New House

Miss Acheson who had worked in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches is retiring from her winter's teaching job in the West End Christian School at Hopewell, Va. She is moving into her new house on the edge of Jefferson, N. C. the week of July 19th. We pray that God will bless her new home, as she makes her home in Ashe County.

4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your Pastor that material provision set forth in your call and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion?
The Prayer of Consecration Mr. Edgar Miller
The Charge to the Minister Rev. Donald Mimbs
The charge to the Congregations Mr. Marvin Raymer
Hymn — "Jesus Calls Us" No. 392
Benediction Rev. Wayne Dixon
Postlude

An informal reception was held in the social room of the church in honor of the Dixon Family.

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Mt. Jefferson Has Very Active Program

In recent months the young parents in the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church have been conducting a Children's Church Service at 11:00 a. m. on Sundays during the church hour. This, however, is being discontinued during the months of June and July.

On Wednesday, March 12, Circle 1 put on an all-day meeting in the Church Parlor to which Circle 2 was invited. There was a picnic lunch at noon. The afternoon session was used for making bandages for a missionary hospital.

Sunday, March 16, a representative of the "Gideons" gave an inspiring talk in the church service. A box was placed in the vestibule for contributions.

That same Sunday evening we had a "Family-Night Pot-Luck Supper" at 6:00 p. m. under the sponsorship of the missions committee of the women of the Church. Mrs. John F. Reeves, Chairman. Following the supper, Rev. and Mrs. Day Carper, former missionaries to Africa, spoke of the work there and showed slides. The offering went for the cause of world missions.

Communion was celebrated on Sunday, March 23. At this service three young people who had been studying in Rev. Smith's Communicants Class for six weeks were taken into the membership of the church. They were Mr. Clifford Lee, Miss Natalie Severt, and Miss Dianne Williams.

Rev. Smith conducted a Good Friday Service, March 23, at the noon hour. He spoke on the 3rd word from the Cross.

The Easter Sunrise Service, March 30, was well attended at 6:30 a. m. This was followed by a very successful ham-and-egg breakfast prepared by the men of the church.

That day at 9:00 a. m. the Presbyterian Choir sang at Home No. 1 as they always do on a fifth Sunday of the month accompanying Dr. Stone's service. At 10:00 a. m. the Sunday School youth gave an appropriate Foster program during the opening of Sabbath School.

The combined Choirs and the Youth Choir provided special numbers for the regular Easter service at 11. This was the last service at which Rev. Tom Smith officiated and preached. As he lay in Ashe County Memorial Hospital, he was so happy that all the Easter services had been completed before he was stricken.

On May 8, the church was again saddened by the passing of Mr. Millard Fetzner who had been a faithful member of the choir, one-time Superintendent of the Sunday School, and an active leader of the Little League Baseball Boys.

A Pulpit Committee is working on finding a new minister. They are Messrs. Rex Morton, Winston Baldwin, Lillard Eldreth, Mrs. William Brown, and Mrs. Jim Reeves.

In the meantime the following ministers have supplied the pulpit:

April 6 — Rev. John S. Johnson, retired Presbyterian minister of E. Jefferson.

April 13 — Rev. John S. Johnson.

April 20 — Rev. John Duvall of Cres-



MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH daily
Vacation Bible School had good attendance this year

ton — Green Valley United Methodist Charge.

April 27 — Rev. J. K. Parker formerly of Boone.

May 4 — Dr. D. D. Holt, Methodist minister in Ashe Co., during the exchange of pulpits.

May 11 — Dr. George Jackson, President of Glade Valley School.

May 18 — Mr. John Leland of the Salvation Army in New York City.

May 25 — Dr. Charles L. Brown, retired minister from Blowing Rock.

June 1 — The Youth of the church ably conducted this service at the end of their weekend retreat which had been held at Jim McLaurin's cabin.

June 8 — Dr. Charles L. Brown.

June 15 — Rev. John S. Johnson.

Another potluck supper, this one in honor of the Birthday of the Women of the Church was held on May 18, under the direction of the Personal Faith and Family Life Committee, chairmaned by Mrs. Noel Miller. A filmstrip was run during the program

which followed, showing the work in Japan and Korea to which the offering would go.

Rev. Smith's troop of Boy Scouts is now being directed by Mr. Jack Lee.

As this paper goes to press a successful well-attended Daily Vacation Bible School is being held in the Education Building of the church. On the schedule are lively songs, Bible stories, games, refreshments, and handwork. The teachers are: Miss Marguerite Smith, Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Mrs. Jim Reeves, and Miss Jean Smith. Mrs. Dale Baldwin is in charge of refreshments. Helpers are the Misses Linda May, Lynn Howell, Shelby Miller, and Ellen Eldreth. Also Miss Mary Margaret McLaurin brightened one of the rainy days with special music. The eight-day school will close with a picnic on June 18.

We congratulate our high-school graduates: Messrs. James Faw, Randy Jordan, Letcher May, Jr., and Tommy Smith; also our college graduate, Mr. John Johnson.

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Miss Cox And Mr. Ziebarth Married

"I AM MY BELOVED'S AND HE IS MINE" — Song of Solomon

June 8th, at 2:00 p. m. Sharyne Cox and Robert Ziebarth were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Rev. Raymond L. Scott from Columbia, S. C. officiated. Rev. Dixon gave the prayer of invocation.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Cox of Trenton, N. J. She attended Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. and will return for her senior year this fall.

The groom is the son, of Mr. Leon Ziebarth and the late Mrs. Freda Ziebarth of Wyoming, Michigan. He is a graduate of Columbia Bible College and has been a worker in the Glendale Church field. Presently they are both employed at the Northwest Trading Post.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The other members of the wedding party included: Mrs. Marcia Means, matron of honor, sister of the bride from Pasadena, Calif., Mr. David Frank, best man, from Illinois; bridesmaids: Miss Sally Enlow, of Orlando, Fla., Miss Melinda Maurer, New York, Miss Amy Elhardt of Trenton, N. J. Ushers: Mr. William Roth of Columbia, S. C., Mr. Hans Taul of Graz, Austria, Mr. Michael Miller of Statesville, N. C. Flower girl: Miss Kimberly Ziebarth, niece of the groom from Wyoming, Mich. Ringbearer: Mr. Matthew Means, nephew of the bride, from Pasadena, Calif. The pianist was Miss Teresa Whittington of Wilbar, N. C. and the vocalist was Mrs. Michael Frans of Oklahoma.

Pastor Of Glendale Church Announces Bicentennial Service

Churches of the Glendale Springs area plan to have a special worship service on the Blue Ridge Parkway next Sunday morning, June 29, at 11:00 a. m. The services will be held at the old historic site of the Cool Springs Baptist Church near mile post 272 near Cascade Falls. This is the place where the "Circuit Rider Preacher" used to spend the night and conduct worship services for the mountain people, according to the historical booklet published by the United States Park Service. There will be a worship service at 11:00 a. m. and everyone is asked to bring a well filled picnic basket for "Dinner-on-the-Grounds" immediately after the worship service.

There will also be special singing starting at 2:00 p. m. Everyone is invited to come. The National Park Rangers will be there to help with the traffic and to park the cars in a special area, also to provide any other needed assistance. In the event of rain this service will be held July 13. Rev. Wayne Dixon of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and Rev. Guy W. Hunt Jr. of Boone will bring the messages. Most important is that everyone is asked to dress "If Possible" according to the "Old Pioneer Days" in keeping with the Bicentennial Celebration.

The Gillespie Church Has Made History

On May 3rd 1974, the only male member of the Gillespie Church, Elder Vance Miller died. The few Gillespie members did all they could do. The congregation elected two young women who grew up in the Church, Mrs. Helen Miller Barr and Mrs. Wade Ham as Elders. When we needed to have a communion service these ladies planned it and served the elements, and they did it nicely.

The Lansing Congregation has a lady Elder and when the congregation had a communion service, she assisted the male Elders. As far as it is known the Gillespie Church is the only Church in the County that has had only lady Elders to serve communion.

Until recently the steps leading into the Gillespie sanctuary had no railing for protection. One lady coming out from a funeral service fell off the steps and broke her arm. Recently another lady fell on the steps and cut a big wound on her leg.

Now a gift from the Lansing Church has paid for a strong railing for protection for the elderly and children. Other plans are in the planning for the Gillespie Church.

Gurganus Family Here On Furlow

Gene Gurganus and his family are on furlow from Bangladesh where Gene has served for about 15 years.

Rev. Gene Gurganus is well known to many in the Glendale Field as he held successful revivals for two summers in this field.

The Bob Jones University Alumni Association presented him a citation in recognition of outstanding achievement and service in Bangladesh serving with the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism.

Lydia, Gene's daughter whom many remember as a little girl will be married July 19th at 3 p. m. in the Falls Road Baptist Church, Rocky Mt., N. C., after her graduation from Bob Jones University.

Gene and his family have gone through many hardships in Bangladesh such as the great tidal wave disasters and the terrible Civil War where Bangladesh won its independence.

Gene will spend much time in visiting the churches that support him. We hope he can pay us a visit while on this furlow.

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Walk For Hunger

After many weeks of planning the first Ashe County "Walk for Hunger" got underway. The date was April 20th, Sunday at 1:30 p. m. starting from Ashe Central High School, continuing for five miles, ending up at the West Jefferson Methodist Church.

The various churches of Ashe County participated by people of the churches giving \$10.00 to sponsor a walker. The estimated amount received was near \$3,000.00. The Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian churches took an active part in the walk.

Of the more than 400 walkers those taking part from the Glendale Springs Church were: Bob Ziebarth, A. J. Woodie, Jerald Lyle, Donna Miller, Brenda Severt, Christy Bare, Joey Dancy, James Dancy, Susie Woodie, Terri Sheets and some youthful walkers from Laurel Fork Presbyterian church: Christine Cox, Janet Hart, Eddie Hart, Gail Hart, and Mickey Hall.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

FRED MILLER

Mr. Fred Miller, 79, of Laurel Springs died Saturday morning in Alleghany Memorial Hospital in Sparta after a long illness. Funeral service was conducted 4 p. m. Monday at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church in Laurel Springs. Burial followed in Meadow Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Fred Dancy and the Rev. Wayne Dixon officiated.

He was born in Alleghany County October 28, 1895, to John S. and Belle Kerr Miller. He was a retired machinist and was of the Baptist faith. Surviving are his wife, Velin Woodie Miller of the home; one daughter, Barbara Jane Hendrix of Sparta; four sons, Dean Miller of Sparta, Don and Dwayne Miller both of North Wilkesboro, R. W. Miller of Blountville, Tennessee; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Johnson and Mrs. Maggie Mae Church both of North Wilkesboro.

MRS. MARTHA McDONALD

Mrs. Martha Osborne McDonald, 64, of Laurel Springs, died Saturday morning at her home. Funeral service was conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church in Laurel Springs by the Rev. Fred Dancy and the Rev. Wayne Dixon. Burial followed in Meadow Fork Primitive Baptist Church cemetery. Surviving are one son, Gary Scott of Chattanooga, Oklahoma; one brother, Nelson Osborne of Laurel Springs.

Mrs. McDonald was faithful Christian and member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

KENNETH C. MILLER

Mr. Kenneth Carl Miller, 61, of Sparta, died Monday at noon at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Funeral service was conducted Wednesday, June 15th, at 11 a. m. at Sparta Pres-



WALKING FOR HUNGER GROUP at Glendale Springs during the march.

byterian Church by the Rev. Donald Mimbs. Burial followed in Sparta Cemetery.

Mr. Miller was born in Ashe County on March 20, 1914 to Perrell and Mattie Johnson Miller. Before moving to Sparta, he was sheriff of Ashe County. He was owner and operator of Miller 66 Gas and Oil Service Station in Sparta. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cleo Rose Miller; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Smiley of Charlotte; one son, Lowell Thomas Miller of Sparta; two grandchildren, Miss Karen Smiley and Jeff Smiley, both of Charlotte; his mother of Wilbar, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Helen Miller of Glendale Springs; two brothers, Onis Miller and Richard Miller, both of Lenoir.

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Review Of Wade Rose Memorial Service

For those who are interested in the Wade Rose Chapel and could not attend the service, we are printing this short review of the service which was held by the Ashe County Ministerial Association.

DEDICATION OF WADE ROSE MEMORIAL CHAPEL Sunday, June 1, 1975

PRELUDE

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.
MINISTER: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.

MINISTER: Dearly beloved this chapel, which by the favor of God and the labor of man has been so far completed, is a symbol of that care for the sick and suffering which was supremely exemplified in the Lord Jesus, and which has always inspired those who follow him. We believe that the heavenly Father not only desires, but gladly accepts, the service of comfort and consolation which this chapel is to provide, and that he looks with favor upon the dedication of this chapel to himself and to the welfare of his children. Let us therefore bring to him praise for his guidance and aid in this undertaking, and our prayers on behalf of those who by their gifts or their service shall unite in fulfilling those purposes of love for which this chapel is prepared.

PRESENTATIONS

COCKERHAM FAMILY: PRESENTATION OF BIBLE AND LECTERN

To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to feed with spiritual food those who worship here. To the reading of the Holy Scripture, the word of God for our inspiration, doctrine, reproof, and instruction in righteousness, to proclaim the whole counsel of God, a light unto the path of every day. We present this Bible and Lectern to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God; and in loving memory of Luther E. Cockerham.

BARR FAMILY: PRESENTATION OF STEREO EQUIPMENT

To the praise of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, at whose birth angels sang, that our joy in him may find more worthy expression, we present this stereo equipment to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Sallie Clyde Gambill Barr.

ROSE FAMILY: PRESENTATION OF CHAPEL

We present his chapel to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God, and for his service in bringing consolation and comfort to the sick, distressed and bereaved, and in loving memory of Wade Rose.

GWYN GAMBILL: ACCEPTANCE FOR TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Trustees of the Ashe

Memorial Hospital, I accept these memorial gifts and this chapel.

ACT OF DEDICATION

Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that chapels erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled and, as the dedication of this chapel is in vain without the solemn consecration of those gifts and labor it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: Our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labor and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of his name and the advancement of his kingdom.

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS CHAPEL

To the holy ministry of healing and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit in time of sorrow and suffering.

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS CHAPEL

PRAYER BY DR. D. D. HOLT: PRAYER FOR ALL WHO MINISTER HERE.
PRAYER BY REV. MARK HUDDLESTON: PRAYER FOR ALL WHO IN THIS PLACE WILL CRY TO OUR FATHER.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee, that they may rejoice to find mercy is present with them in their affliction; through Jesus Christ, our

Steele Creek Church To Conduct Bible School At Gillespie

The group from Steele Creek who will conduct the Vacation Bible School at Gillespie will arrive on July 7th, and visit in the community a few days before the teaching will begin. They will be entertained in Dr. Stampfer's home on Big Horse Creek in the Foster Memorial Community. The School will close on July 18th.

The Steele Creek Church was organized in 1760. It is one of the first seven Presbyterian Churches surrounding Charlotte. Some signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence are interred in their spacious cemetery.

The present pastor is Rev. Lewis W. Bledsoe; Rev. R. Zach Thomas is Assistant Pastor. For several years the Steele Creek Church has been vitally interested in Ashe County Presbyterian Churches.

Miss Myrtle Williamson who served here so faithfully beginning in June 1926, as our Young People's Worker, was a member of Steele Creek Church. Later, Miss Laura Grier, also from Steele Creek, was a Young People's worker in the the county.

Lord. Amen.

The service was concluded by the Lord's Prayer led by Dr. R. H. Stone, then a concluding hymn and the benediction.

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News From The Lansing Field

The Steele Creek Presbyterian Church of Charlotte will sponsor a daily Vacation Bible School in the Gillespie community beginning the week of July 7, and ending July 18. Voluntary manual labor will be performed by special groups from this church as a Christian service to churches and needy families in the Pond Mountain area. Dr. Lewis Bledsoe, the group's pastor, along with Mr. Mack Brown, a noted Charlotte churchman, will sponsor the group.

Visitors in the Whitetop community will have opportunity to see the Whitetop Presbyterian Church in its new location on a rolling knoll adjacent to the swampy area where the church has been located for a long number of years. The higher elevation provided space for a basement with bathrooms, kitchen, Sunday School space and a small conference area. During the month of June a group of adults and young people from the Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C. will conduct visitation throughout the area, a week of nightly Bible studies for women, a daily Vacation Bible School and will decorate the Presbyterian Church by painting the building and landscaping the surrounding area.

During the end of July a group of Presbyterians from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Atlanta, will perform services like the above in the Lansing community and during the first week of August representatives from the Westminster Church, Montgomery, Alabama, will spend a week in the Foster Memorial area with similar services.

In Loving Memory Of

JAMES WALTER FARRINGTON

James Walter Farrington, of McConnelville, Ohio, formerly of RFD, Jefferson, was born in Ashe County on April 15, 1893. He was an Elder in the one-time Big Ridge Presbyterian Church, of which he was the superintendent of the building. With a team of oxen he carried logs to the saw mill for the framing and brought it back and did much of the work. He was in charge of the rebuilding of the Obids Church.

After his retirement he moved to Ohio, where he died in the Mark Rest Center in Ohio on May 19, 1975. His age was 82 years, one month and four days. He was a good carpenter, a master concrete finisher, a good man to read blueprints.

He is survived by three daughters and four sons, three sisters and two brothers. His funeral was conducted in the Badgers Funeral Home Chapel. His final resting place is in the Colvard Cemetery.

MRS. NARA GRAHAM RAY

Mrs. Nara Graham Ray, a daughter of Mrs. Ila Graham and the late Mr. Noah Graham. She was born on June 8, 1921 and died in a New York Hospital on March 29, 1975. The days of her pilgrimage were 53 years, 9 months and 8 days. Her funeral was conducted in the Foster Memorial Church by

Reverends Carl Stark and R. H. Stone. Interment was in the Graham Cemetery. In addition to her mother she is survived by two daughters and a son and seven grandchildren. She grew up in the Foster Memorial Church and was a great help in many ways.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS FETZER

William Douglas Fetzer, a native of Virginia, who was born on August 28, 1910, and died suddenly in his home in West Jefferson, on May 8, 1975. He was a Deacon in the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church, where his funeral was conducted on May 11th. His final resting place is in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens. He was president of the Optimistic Club and president of the Little Leaguers. He was a master automobile mechanic and had been shop foreman of the Twin City Chevrolet.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Colvard Fetzer, one daughter, Mrs. Kathy Kay Kent, of Hickory, N. C., one sister and one brother, and a grandchild.

JAMES TANNIEHILL MCLAURIN

James Tanniehill McLaurin, 63, of

West Jefferson, died at his home Friday morning, June 20, 1975. Funeral service was conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson by the Rev. John S. Johnson and the Rev. Ken Morris. Burial followed in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens at Jefferson. Mr. McLaurin was born in Laurinburg, N. C. to James and Emma Elizabeth Elmore McLaurin. He was a retired soil conservationist for Ashe County and a member of Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife, Sarah Henry McLaurin; three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Duncan of Clarkston, Ga., Mrs. Martha Hendrix of West Jefferson, and Miss Mary Margaret McLaurin of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Nolan of Welcome and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Oman of Lexington; two half-brothers, William J. Whitaker of Cincinnati, Ohio and George Whitaker of Honolulu, Hawaii; four grandchildren. The family requests memorials be made to Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

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Church News From Mt. Jefferson Church

As the Ashe Presbyterian goes to press, the chairman and members of the Mt. Jefferson Pulpit Committee are still working hard to secure a regular minister.

Since the previous issue of this paper, the following ministers have filled the pulpit:

June 22nd — Mr. Edward T. Coles of Boone, N. C.

June 29th — Dr. George Jackson of Glade Valley, N. C.

July 6th — Dr. Charles Lynn Brown of Blowing Rock, N. C.

July 13th — Dr. Brown conducted the summer Communion Service.

July 20th — Rev. J. S. Johnson of Jefferson, N. C.

July 27th — Dr. George Jackson of Glade Valley, N. C.

Aug. 3rd — Mr. Gordon Bondurant, President of Darlington School, Rome, Ga.

Aug. 10th — Rev. Watt Cooper, retired minister from North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

Aug. 17th, 24, and 31st — Dr. Charles Lynn Brown, of Blowing Rock, N. C.

We are glad to announce that from the beginning of the year until June 20th, the principal of the debt on the building was lowered by \$3000.00.

On June 22nd, the funeral of Mr. Jim McLaurin, a deacon in the Mount Jefferson Church, was held in the church at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. John S. Johnson and Rev. Ken Morris officiating.

Elder Robert McNeill, the Clerk of the Session represented the church at the meeting of Concord Presbytery which was held at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N. C. on June 27th and 28th.

On June 29th, the Mt. Jefferson Choir sang hymns at Rest Home No. 1 in the service conducted by Rev. R. H. Stone.

Sunday afternoon, July 13th, the Young People met at the church to go for a bike ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway taking picnic lunches along.

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Ernest Martin And Family Baptized

The new home of Miss Evelyn Acheson was the scene of the baptismal service of a whole family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin, who were friends of Miss Acheson in Hopewell, Va., visited Miss Acheson the week of July 13th.

The Martins requested baptismal service for the whole family. The following were baptized by the retired pastor John W. Luke, of the Glendale Springs Field of Churches:

Mr. Ernest Martin, Mrs. Rose Martin, James and Kenneth, their two sons, and Russell Martin, the youngest son, was baptized as a child of the Covenant.

Improvements At Gillespie Church

A number of improvements have been made on the Gillespie Presbyterian Building. One thing is that a branch of a spring flows under the concrete floor of the basement and as the drain was stopped up the spring water was dammed up under the floor and was forced up through the concrete floor. It has been a serious problem for several years.

Just before the Daily Vacation Bible School began a pump was borrowed and more than an inch of water was pumped, but the four in drainage tile was still blocking the spring water from getting out. This was remedied by the Lansing Volunteer Fire Department which forced a tank full of water through the drain and out came roots, sand and mud. Where it drains into the Little Horse Creek a forty foot of five inch plastic tile was connected and laid against the bank and heavy rocks were laid against it to prevent it from washing away when there is a flood.

Window panes have been replaced. In another area the debris and weeds have been removed. And a neighbor, Mr. Vance Phillips, has sown it in grass seed. Other improvements have been made.

Glade Valley School News

School opened September 1, at Glade Valley with 50 percent more students than last year; a faculty of 10 teachers and advisors; 4 dorm counselors; a librarian, as well as the Headmaster William B. Scarborough, and the President George D. Jackson.

The buildings and grounds have been in use this summer with the Amateur Radio Session under the direction of Carl Peters, a church family retreat of Reynolds Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, the spiritual retreats of the Women of the Church of Concord and Orange Presbyteries, and many visits of prospective students and their families. The young people of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, led by their associate minister Peter C. Carruthers and his wife, had what they called an "Intentional Christian Experience" here in July and Mr. Carruthers wrote, "I felt that Glade Valley was a good and healthy setting for such to take place." Bill Scarborough, Jack Rowland and Rod Bost were the staff members responsible. The group hiked on the Blue Ridge Parkway and went canoeing on New River.

The Elderly Nutrition Program sponsored by BROG (Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission) continues to bring 30 or more Alleghany County residents into our small dining room for the noon meal five days a week. At Glade Valley they come on wheels to their meals!

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Lansing Field Church News

Christian work volunteers from four states made more than seven hundred visits to families, taught three hundred children in four Bible Schools, conducted worship, held picnics, provided entertainment and did manual labor during the summer months in the Northwest Ashe County area. Nightly Bible studies were held for the women in Whitetop by Mrs. Mary Russell of Greenville, South Carolina. The Reverend Dr. Lewis Bledsoe, Steel Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, held nightly Bible Studies for adults at Gillespie. The Reverend William Satterwhite, pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, directed summer activities at Lansing.

One hundred forty seven visitors gave their time and services in the area since January 1, 1975. Included were college deans, professors, physicians, professional athletes, attorneys, business leaders, college students, high school students and a large number of housewives.

Miss Sandra Miller and Mr. Drew Kieckhafer were married July 12, 1975 in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Okron, Ohio. Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Miller formerly of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kieckhafer of West Bend, Wisconsin are the parents of the groom. Those attending the wedding from Ashe County were Mrs. Helen Barr and Mrs. Cecil Proffit.

Mrs. Rausa Ham, a member of Gillespie church was injured in a fall at her home and has been a patient in Ashe Hospital. She has been missed greatly, and we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Worship Service At Raccoon "Holler"

Raccoon "Holler" camping ground is a half mile from Glendale Springs, N. C. and has become a very popular camping ground for tourists on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Carolina Travel Trailer Club camped at the Holler on the weekend of August 9th and 10th. Wherever the club camps for the weekend, they have a worship service for the club. On this weekend they invited Rev. J. W. Luke to bring the message. Mr. Beam led the morning service with prayers by members and hymns accompanied by a portable electric organ which was carried with them. About eighty people attended the services. The congregation was seated in chairs under the trees. We are glad to see travelers remember their duty to our Almighty God. May God bless them, as they camp in fellowship together, and may their example be followed by many others on their vacation. We trust these good people will visit Glendale Springs again in the near future.

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Sin Still Sneaky

EDITORIAL

A long time ago a few thought that sin was sneaky. Most know better today. We have become well-informed, we keep up with the times, television trains us to see right through what people are doing, they can't fool us, we know sin when we see it! Or do we?

Even Paul didn't. "For sin, finding opportunity in the commandment, deceived me." "I don't understand myself at all." Sin got him so mixed up that he couldn't understand what was going on inside him. "I love to do God's will so far as my nature is concerned, but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature," so speaks one of the greatest Christians of all times. He was Christian enough to know he was also unchristian. With penetrating pessimism he confession, "Sin and death are still within me." Sin, still sneaky. Romans 7.

He points out how sin even used a thing like good commandment to deceive him. Still one of its most successful ways of working today. Alcohol commercials fix our minds on something good, worthwhile. They don't say, "Come, I will lead you into accident, pain, or death." They don't say, "Come, I will lead you into heartache, or homebreak." Rather they say, "Come, be human, enjoy life, be well-rounded families." That's all something good. The bottle is pictured in the same atmosphere with strong sports, pretty girls, beautiful surroundings, the great out-of-doors. Sin doesn't say, "Come, I will waste your money and distort your spiritual vision." It doesn't say, "I will lead you and your loved ones into misery and tragedy." Rather, sin says, "Come, I will do you good." And while we are looking at the good, sin subtly sows a seed, pushes into the good, corrupting it, making itself the good.

Recently one in a position high in the leadership atmosphere of our nation made remarks tending to condone boy-girl experience outside of wedlock, if wisely advised beforehand. The

Contradictions

EDITORIAL

Are Americans really sincere? We talk about saving energy, but when saving energy gets in our selfish way, saving energy is forgotten.

A few observations along this line might be appropriate at this time.

We are urged to save gasoline. We kick when gasoline goes up, but what a contradiction when there is to be a big automobile race. Some one has figured I do not have the exact figures, that the fuel that takes one racing automobile in one race would send a Volkswagen around the world perhaps twice. When 24 high powered automobiles race, just think how much fuel is used in perhaps a hour or two, and yet no one ever protests the waste of fuel on a race track. Then how many thousands of spectators go to a race perhaps driving from 100 to 300 miles to get there and back. I know some people who will drive 1000 to go to a race and back home. It is not an exaggeration to say 1,000,000 gallons of gas can be easily used up by a big race, and still we complain in our offices, how high the price, how scarce the energy. Some day we shall pay the price of waste.

Another contradiction in America is the use of grain. The world has many starving people in it today. In devastated places in the world people are starving, yet many millions of bushels of grain are used to make beer and alcoholic drinks. It is said that if the grain that is used for alcoholic drinks could be saved, it would feed millions of starving people in the world. The appeal for the starving people in the world go on and on, but the drink manufacturers have to have their money, and the drinkers have to have their drink and let the rest of the world die of starvation.

Some time ago I heard of a wealthy man who was approached by the stewardship committee of his church, who asked him to give a larger amount for

idea was that this is done in this day in which we live, and it is better to face it frankly and simply try to help youth be sensible with it. The impression sought to be left in one of facing life as it is, upholding family ties by understanding of today's youth, being intelligent and up-to-date, keeping honest with ourselves and with people. All good

But how easily it is for good qualities unconsciously to become the means by which the very foundation of national life, the human family, is undermined. Sex is a God-given quality. Honesty about it is commendable. But truth about it is essential. When it becomes cheap, integrity disintegrates, standards shake. We are told that most of all the great civilizations of the past, rose to strength when they developed high sex standards and that the decline of all of these began when those principles were loosened. "For sin . . . deceive me".

It's the way it works. Even in strong Christians like Paul. Strong enough to be aware of it. Could be worse in weaker creatures like ourselves. Sin—still sneaky. But Paul found power in, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Mr. And Mrs. Whitmer
And Family Visit

The Lukes had a visit from their daughter Mary Frances, who as many know, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. Mary Frances and her husband Bill Whitmer and their two boys, Billy and Johnny, visited Glendale Springs July 20 through August 2nd. Bill and Mary Frances spent one week in Asheville at a medical meeting, in which Bill represented the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company.

The grandsons enjoyed the Glendale Springs visit a great deal, playing soft ball, fishing, and picking blackberries. One activity which they enjoyed was having a retreat service for the United States Flag at the North West Trading Post at Glendale Springs on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

At sunset Billy, who plays the trumpet, played taps and Johnny let the flag down, and helped fold the flag. After this they helped Bob Ziebarth close the post for the day. The Whitmers live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and are now back home going to school. See picture on page six.

CHURCH NEWS FROM
MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH

(Continued from page 1)

The Boy Scout meeting night has been changed from Thursdays to Mondays from July 28th until further notice.

In the bulletins for Sundays, July 27th and Aug. 3rd, we were reminded to pray for our missionaries. This is something we should never forget to do for those who sacrifice so much to spread the Gospel and to help the suffering.

After church on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at 1:00 p. m., the Young People sponsored a covered-dish picnic for the whole church at Ball Ground Park. Although the rains came, a good time and a good dinner were enjoyed by all, beforehand. The youth group also posted a very amusing display in the hallway of the educational building of the church recently — pictures of various members taken in years gone by.

We are most happy to welcome a new family to our church, the Gareth Lowders.

The Women's Circles have been holding their regular meetings during the summer months for fellowship, business and Bible Study. They hope to have a good representation at the Area Training School on Sunday, Sept. 7th at Sparta Presbyterian Church.

his church's budget for the next year. Although God had allowed him to be very prosperous he refused, and said he could not afford to give more, yet in a few days he had money enough to buy a very expensive dog. He had little money for God and much for his dog. This summer, while I was in the hospital, a grade teacher gave the children my name that they might send letters of comfort to me. I noticed one child when he wrote the name of God had spelled it backward and put "Dog". What a common mistake among adults too, their DOG is bigger than their God.

Revival At Glendale And Laurel Fork

Rev. Wayne Dixon, pastor of the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Church field reports a very successful week of revival services. Rev. Wayne Harper of Westminister, S. C. a seminary classmate of the pastor, was the evangelist.

Services were held at the Glendale Church, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and at the Laurel Fork Church Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There was a good attendance for the services. The Johnny Roten Singers from Grayson, provided special music at the Glendale Springs Church on Monday night.

Rev. Dixon expresses a deep appreciation and special thanks for the wonderful meals and other acts of hospitality extended by the women of these churches during the revival.

United In Marriage

Miss Sandy Bare, a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, was united in marriage to Mr. Jerry Howell at 7 p. m., Friday, Aug. 22nd at the home of Rev. Dean Shepherd at Laurel Springs. Sandy is one of the young people of the Glendale Church and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Bare of Wagoner.

Rev. Lewis Bledsoe Holds Bible School

The Steel Creek Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest in Mecklenburg Presbytery, near Charlotte, through its pastor, Rev. Lewis Bledsoe, conducted the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Gillespie Presbyterian Church this year. He was assisted by the following: Brenda Bledsoe, Kim Bledsoe, Kelly Bledsoe, Mack Brown, Dot Camp, Dell Camp, Ruth Camp, Jean Camp, Anita Brown, Martha Brown, Gerald Brown, Sandra Brown, Bonnie Berryhill, Marjorie Weaver, Lee Weaver, Jack Smith, Blaine Wallace, Barry Fowler, Pam Davis, and Amy Brown.

Rev. Lewis Bledsoe taught the Adult Class, led the congregational singing and drove a bus.

Before the school opened there was a few days of visiting in the communities. It was said that the two buses and cars brought more children to the church than were thought to be in the township. More than a hundred



Rev. Wayne Harper of Westminister, S. C. held revival services at Glendale and Laurel Fork Churches.

were enrolled.

After the graduation the ladies of the congregation served a delicious supper in the basement of the Church.

The congregation is deeply indebted to the Steele Creek Church for this visit and the great service rendered in the Bible School.

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News Of Bob And Sharyne Ziebarth

Besides doing a lot of church work in the Glendale Springs Field, Bob and Sharyne have worked steadily at the Northwest Trading Post this summer, on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Glendale Springs, N. C.

Bob and Sharyne are now visiting Sharyne's family in Trenton, N. J. From Trenton they will go to Wyoming, Mich. to visit Bob's family. They will return to Glendale Springs about Sept. 3rd. and proceed to Columbia, S. C. where Sharyne will complete her senior year at Columbia Bible College. The Ziebarths have been living in the apartment which was formerly used by Miss Acheson while working in the Glendale Springs Field. The Ziebarths have a trailer rented to live in, near the campus of Columbia Bible College. We shall miss the Ziebarths as they return to Columbia, S. C. We pray God's loving blessings upon their married life as they continue to work for their Lord and Saviour. Only eternity will reveal the results of Bob's faithful labor for Christ here in Ashe and Wilkes Counties.

PRESIDENT FORD

BIBLE WEEK

President Gerald R. Ford will be honorary chairman for the 35th Interfaith National Bible Week, November 23-30. The National Chairman is Richard I. Fricke, chairman of Mutual of New York.

The president pledges support for the project sponsored by the Layman's National Bible Committee.

Successful Barbecue Held At Glendale

Saturday, Augt. 30th was a day of hustling at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The Women of the church washed and prepared 150 chickens for the barbecue supper. The chickens were divided in half for the plates. The men of the church prepared the barbecue pit and set fire to the charcoal, and cooked the chickens slowly for about 3 hours or more.

Johnse Woodie as usual was the chief cook and leader in the cooking, and other men joined in with the cooking process. The chicken was saturated with sauce and turned many times before it was taken off. Each piece was examined to be sure it was well cooked, and put in containers to keep hot.

The supper began at 5 p. m. and before 8 p. m. all was sold. It was a very successful barbecue supper. When all the sales were in, they will amount to about \$300. The church used the money to pay for a new lawn mower, which had to be purchased for the

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Bob Ziebarth and Sharyne Cox were married in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church June 8.

large church lawn. After paying for expenses and the mower there was about \$110 left over for church uses.

Thanks to all who cooperated so well in making this supper successful, and thanks to all who ate with us.

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Bible Schools In Glendale Field

Two Vacation Bible Schools were held in the Glendale Springs Field this summer, one at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and the other at the Glendale Springs Church.

The Laurel Fork Bible School was held through the dates of July 14th through the 19th, with 30 enrolled. The offering for expenses was \$53.82.

The following people were teachers and leaders. Mrs. Bob Ziebarth, Mrs. Wheeling Miller, Mrs. Wayne Dixon, Mrs. J. W. Luke (pianist), Rev. J. W. Luke. Rev. Wayne Dixon directed the Bible School. A picnic was held at the close of the school at Doughton Park.

The second Bible School was held at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church through the dates of July 21st and 25th with an enrollment of 50. The offering for expense amounted to \$24.63.

The teachers and leaders were — Rev. Wayne Dixon as director, Miss Robin Miller (pianist), Mrs. J. L. Dancy, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Wayne Dixon, Mrs. Shirley Miller, Mrs. Bob Ziebarth, Rev. J. W. Luke.

At the close of the Bible School the children enjoyed a hot dog and marshmallow roast.

Confession

(Selected)

Last night my little boy confessed to me:
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears —
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy — wise and strong.
I know you can."
Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins
And prayed with low-bowed head.
"Oh God, make me a child
Like my child here —
Pure, Gentle,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."
Andrew Gillies.

Bible School At Foster Memorial

The Westminister Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, Alabama, through a group from their congregation arrived in early August and conducted a service of worship on August 3rd in the Church. The Daily Vacation Bible School began on Monday evening and lasted nightly through the following Thursday evening.

The Bible School closed with a program and the ladies of the Church served a delicious picnic supper for the public. Two buses were operated to bring children from the communities. Forty seven were enrolled. Leaders of the group were: Mrs. Robert



Daily Vacation Bible School held by pastor, Rev. Wayne Dixon at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Wolf and Rev. Robert Miller. During the year they have plans to conduct an evangelistic service. The Westminster group are looking forward to re-

turning to have a program at Christmas.

The Foster Memorial group are endeared to the group from Montgomery.

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The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart -
Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire-
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in
awe -
Such boasting as the Gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the Law -
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - Lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts he trust
In reeking tube and iron shard -
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not Thee to
guard -
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!
Amen. Rudyard Kipling.

Homecoming At Obids Church Sept. 7

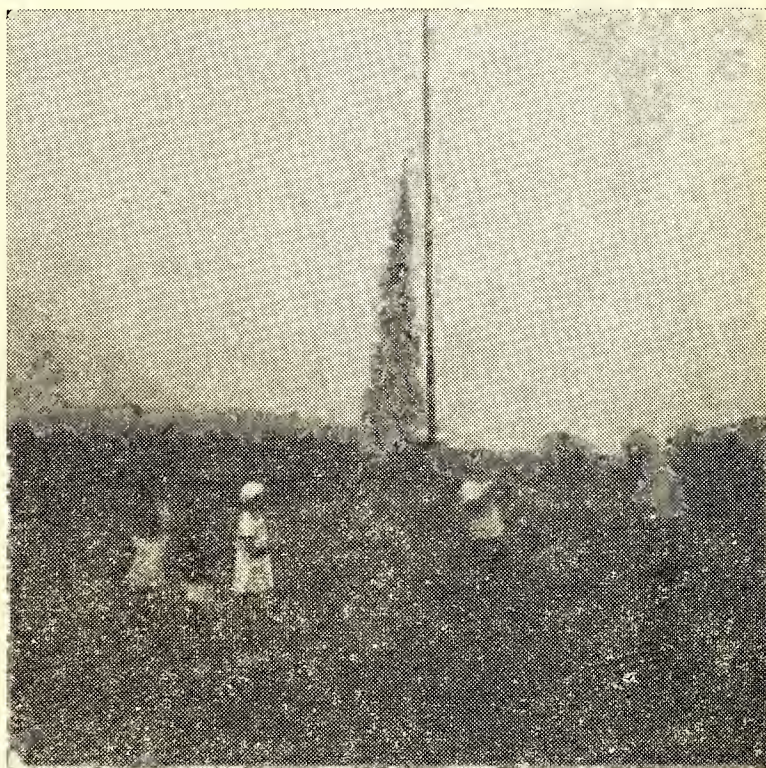
The homecoming at the Obids Presbyterian Church began in 1964, so Sunday, September 7 was the 11th celebration for the church.

There were about 90 people who attended this year, and those who attended came from various places near and far. There were those who came from Augusta, Ga., Statesville, N. C., Lansing, N. C., Wilkes County, and many from Ashe County.

Dr. R. H. Stone had charge of the service held in the Obids Church which consisted of a worship service with Rev. J. W. Luke a former pastor preaching. The Communion Service was conducted by Dr. R. H. Stone with the assistance of Rev. J. W. Luke and some former elders of the church.

The people were grateful to Mrs. L. E. Anderson, Jr., of Jefferson for playing the piano for the service. Another feature was the singing of the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Parsons before the blessing at the meal. After the religious service, everyone was invited to a wonderful dinner for which the Obids ladies are famous. The worship service, the fellowship and the delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

The homecoming at Obids was again this year a grand success.



Billy Whitmer blows taps at sunset while Johnny Whitmer lowers the flag at the Trading Post on Parkway.

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Will Bare of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church has been training some small boys in softball this summer and has done a good job in starting a group of boys in the sport. Twice a week 12 to 15 boys meet on the Glendale Church diamond to practice. The group will eventually become a nucleus for a little team. The boys have enjoyed the training. Each evening lemonade is served. Jeff Farrington has been a good helper. Rev. J. W. Luke umpired some of the practice games. Much credit should be given to Mr. Bare for his work among these boys.

Spencer Miller Rites Held Sat.

Funeral service for Spencer Miller, 71, of Glendale Springs, who passed away Thursday at Rowan Memorial Hospital, was held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Harold O'Dear and Rev. Victor Trivette officiated. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery.

Mr. Miller was born in Ashe County November 17, 1903 and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Faw Miller, 3 daughters, Mrs. Ole Black, Kannapolis; Mrs. Bonnie Lue Sheets, Durham; Mrs. Judy Long, Newark, Del.; 2 step-daughters, Mrs. Helen Hall, Conowingo, Md.; Mrs. Maxie Miller, Wilbar; 4 sons, Allen and Lawrence Miller, both of Kannapolis; Swader and Jerry Miller, both of Jefferson; 1 step-son, Gregory Faw, Conowingo, Md.; 1 sister Miss Jennie Miller, Jefferson; 1 brother, George Miller, Glendale Springs; 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

CLAY EDWIN JOINES

Mr. Clay Edwin Joines passed away at home on August 30. Mr. Joines was the son of Mr. Rufus and Mallie Richardson Joines. He was born in Alleghany County, February 27th, 1919. He passed away on August 30th.

Mr. Clay Joines is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Miller Joines, one daughter, Mrs. Bobby Joe Gambill, and two sons, Clay Edwin Joines, Jr., and James Rufus Joines of Sparta. Two sisters and one brother also survive Clay.

Mr. Joines was a retired farmer. He was of the Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held at the Antioch Baptist Church and interment followed in the church cemetery. We pray God's comfort for his family.



Will Bare and the softball team he is training at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church

GLADE VALLEY

SCHOOL NEWS

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The WillaBarn Thrift Shop deserves continued support. Last Christmas, items that had been donated were used by BRCC to help Santa Claus in remote areas of Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes Counties. Draperies, pillows, dishes, etc. were used at the school. In other words, toys and home furnishings as well as good used clothing are

most helpful.

The increased student enrollment indicates there is a need for the type of program Glade Valley School is offering. The aim and purpose of all that is being carried on is to serve Christ and His Church by witnessing to His love and grace as we live together in this covenant community called "The Mountain Learning Village." Individuals join us in this endeavor as they support us with their prayers, their gifts, and their visits.

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Mrs. Ella Brown Severt Passes At 99

Mrs. Ella Severt was the daughter of Mrs. Nancy Brown, and was born in the Reno Section of Ashe County on January 15th, 1876. The days of her pilgrimage were 99 years, 6 months, and 27 days. The most of her schooling was in the Baldwin Community.

On February 13, 1901 she was married to Mr. Joseph Franklin Severt. He was 34 and his bride was 25 years old. The place of marriage was in the home of Mr. Wiley Severt. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Peter Coldiron, J. P. The witnesses were Messrs J. E. Dillard, W. H. Severt and Mr. W. M. Dillard.

In August 1908 she was received by letter from the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church into the Obids Presbyterian Church. For a time she attended the Episcopal Church at Glendale Springs. Her letter from the Obids Presbyterian Church was transferred to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church when it was organized. She was one of the charter members of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, where she remained a faithful member and attended church as long as her health permitted.

The Women of the Church of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church because of her faithfulness awarded Mrs. Severt a Life Membership Pin.

On last Tuesday she went to her heavenly home from the Glen Haven Nursing Center at Sparta. She had been ill there for three years.

The Funeral Service was held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on August 14th, 1975. The final resting place was in the Episcopal Cemetery at Glendale Springs.

Mrs. Severt was the mother of three children: Mrs. Effie Severt Brown, and Mrs. Ray Severt Baker, who preceded her in death. The third daughter, Mrs. Mamie Severt Gentry of Baldwin, survives her mother. Mr. John Gentry, who is a prominent banker in the Northwestern Bank, was reared in Mrs. Severt's home from the age of seven years.

Mrs. Severt had ten grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren, and seven great, great grandchildren. If she had lived to January 1976, she would have been 100 years of age.

Mrs. Severt was kind, gentle, soft spoken, a good neighbor, and good citizen, and a steady and faithful worker in her church. She had a great big heart of love for everyone. There are many friends who loved her. She retained her memory until about three weeks before she was called of her Heavenly Father.

Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me,

And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,

(SELECTED)

There is a healing branch that grows
Where every bitter Marah flows;
This is our health renewing tree,
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

There is "an appointed way
For those who "hearken and obey;"

And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

Above the gate these words we see,
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

There is "an ordinance" that has stood
Since Israel crossed the parted flood,
It stands today for you and me,
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

There is a great physician still
Whose hand has all its ancient skill;
At His command our pains will flee,
"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

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New Minister At Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

On November 16, the Rev. John Gass began as the new minister at the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church, in West Jefferson.

Rev. Gass is a recent graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, located in So. Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Having been born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, both Rev. Gass and his wife Nancy have lived most of their lives in Florida.

Mrs. Gass is the former Nancy Ellen Jackson of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. While Rev. Gass attended seminary in Massachusetts, Mrs. Gass taught in the public school system and was herself a student at Gordon-Conwell Seminary prior to her marriage to Rev. Gass.

Both John and Nancy are graduates of the Florida State University, in Tallahassee, Florida.

They are now residing in the Presbyterian Manse in West Jefferson.

Church News From Mt. Jefferson Church

(By: Mrs. Sara McLaurin)

The year 1975 has been a sad year for our church as it has lost five valuable members including the minister, Rev. Thomas I. Smith, who passed away Thursday, April 3; Millard Fetzner, May 8; James McLaurin, June 20; G. T. Badger, October 2; Shirly Ham, October 17. Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family.

Robert McNeill, church clerk, did a wonderful job filling the pulpit each Sunday with different ministers from April 6 until November 16 when our new minister, Rev. John Gass, preached to a filled sanctuary. Our thanks to you Robert.

The pulpit committee consisting of Rex Morton as chairman, Mrs. Jim Reeves, Winston Baldwin, Lee Eldreth and Mrs. Bill Brown, should be given a vote of thanks for all the work they did in order to secure a pastor. They did a lot of traveling and telephoning which really paid off, a big THANK YOU.

On Wednesday evening September 17, the Women of the Church gave a surprise going away shower honoring Miss Jean and Marguerite Smith in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Cake, punch, mints, nuts and cookies were served. They left Tuesday September 29 for Lakeside, Ohio to make their new home. We wish for them good health and happiness and our vote of thanks for all their tireless efforts for work they did at the Mt.



The First Christmas

Luke 2:8-16

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Jefferson church.

Mrs. Ivan Miller installed the new officers of the Women of the Church for 1975-76 on Sunday evening, September 21. It was preceded by a covered dish supper for church members and guests. Following the instal-

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Glendale Springs And Laurel Fork Field

Christmas will soon be here and many preparations will be made, and among those will be preparation for a Christmas party and play to be given at the Glendale Springs Church on the night of December 21 at 6:30 p.m. This is a Christmas drama entitled "Miracle At Bethelhem" and tells the story of how a person falls victim to idol worship, and then finds renewed faith in the living God at Bethlehem. This same drama will be presented at the Laurel Fork Church the next night Monday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. along with a Christmas party.

It has been said 'when you need something done, get someone that stays busy, and call on him, he will do it. Well that's what our churches did recently when the need arose. We wanted to raise money for a project in the Laurel Fork Church, and also to help a lady who is a member of the Transou Methodist Church who has cancer, so we called on Mr. A. J. (Jonce) Woodie a member (Deacon) in the Glendale Springs Church for help. 'Jonce' came through as usual with the best bar-b-que chicken to be found in this area. Over three hundred dollars was cleared for each project. Our special thanks to all the men and especially to the ladies who were a great help in making this possible.

Sunday evening, November 30, a special Thanksgiving service was held in the memorial building at the Glendale Springs Church. The table was filled with the most delicious food that was prepared by the ladies of the Glendale Springs, Laurel Fork, and Bethel-Miller Churches. We were especially happy to have a large number of members of the Bethel-Miller Church to be with us for the service. Rev. Wayne Dixon was the speaker for the service, which was attended by approximately 75 people. Rev. and Mrs. John Gass, the new minister of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church were special guest, along with other friends of Ashe County. A special offering was given in the amount of \$110.41 for support of the Presbyterian children homes at Barium Springs and Grandfather Mountain.

Bob's Bible Class Continues Studies

Bob Ziebarth who served in the Glendale Springs Field started a youth Bible Study Class that met with Bob and Sharyne one night a week. Miss Evelyn Acheson who has a new home in Jefferson has taken this class in charge and it continues under her care.

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TO YOU IS BORN

(Rev. John Johnson)

(EDITORIAL)

To you? To who? Who's you? To Joseph and Mary? That, we know. But this says he was born to some farmers out in a field, "Keeping watch over their flock by night." Not born to Herod and his wife in their royal palace in Jerusalem. Not born to Augustus Caesar on his throne in mighty Rome. Not born to any of the satisfied church officers, chief priests, scribes, custodians of custom, religion as is. "For" all of these to be sure, but not "to."

Born only to some humble folk, at their simple, routine tasks, but who, in the quiet of the night were longing for a light, open for an entrance, ready for a reception. "To you is born . . . a Savior." Not a soother, not a condoner, but a Christ, who is Lord of life, or could be. One who makes all things new. Or wants to. With all their petty self-will and adjusted complacency, yet deep within, was a heart reaching for infinite reality. Thus to them was born, near the newness of dawn—a Savior.

They were ready to believe that such a birth could happen, even in a stable. The stable was a sign. "This will be a sign for you: you will find a babe . . . lying in a manger." Many looked for a sign of his coming in a mansion. The shepherds saw a sign in a manger. To believe that God is almighty is one thing. To believe that He is all meekness in a manger is something else. The shepherds saw it. To "them" was born. God the near, the intimate, the Inn, the crude stall, for one and all, but only "to" us who know the darkness of our night is born the meekness of our morning.

In our deeper moments we listen for a higher harmony than our accustomed jingles. Like the shepherds we yearn to hear "The heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,' beginning 'in here' rather than 'out there.'"

The prophets, early in Palestine,

**AMERICA NEEDS THIS
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(From American Bible Society)

A recent letter received by the executive secretary of the Bible Society in Panama from the Ministry of Education of Panama stated: "This office has granted authorization to Mrs. Carmen de Solorzano to visit primary schools of the country and offer for the consideration of school principals and teachers a new orientation program of Biblical teaching . . ."

Mrs. Solorzano is the director of special programs for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures under the auspices of the Bible Society and her mission is to present to professors and teachers adequate material for the teaching of religion. As basic textbooks the programs include the following Scriptures: "The Man Who Turned The World Upside Down" (the life of Christ), "When Everything Began" (Genesis), and "Every Inch A Man" (the story of Joseph), for the second and third graders. The New Testament, "God Comes To Man" (Popular Spanish Version), is the study textbook for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The entire text of the letter from the Ministry of Education showed great interest in "taking God's Word to children in a clear and pleasant form."

The long inclusion of the Bible in official educational programs has also been sought after in Brazil by the churches.

According to a report from Rio de Janeiro dated May 29, 1975, this desire has been achieved in a law which reads: "National Congress decree: Article 7. It will be compulsory to include in the educational plans for first and second grade schools moral and civic education, the study of the Bible, physical education, artistic education and health programs . . ."

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

(By: Evelyn Acheson)

(EDITORIAL)

Christmas again! We are reminded of the words of a great American, Phillips Brooks:

"Everywhere, every where Christmas tonight,

Christmas in lands of fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree
and the vine,

Christmas where snow peaks stand
solemn and white,

Christmas where corn fields lie sunny
and bright

Every where, every where, Christmas tonight,

For the Christ-child who comes is the
master of all,

No palace too great, and no cottage
too small."

Children's hearts are filled with delight as they await that festive day.

yearned for this coming. Speaking for the Eternal, Isaiah (46:12) rejoices, "Listen, ye who are downcast, who feel far from any triumph, I bring my triumph near, right near, my victory is hastening." God's victory in the manger is near, for you who listen, with longing, in the field. Hearing, "To you is born."

In their hearts, too, is that wonder at the lovely story of the little Christ-child being born so long ago in a town far across the sea. Familiar as that story is, we who are older feel that childlike wonder rekindled in our hearts as we hear again of the miraculous birth of the unique Son of God.

Though the beautiful story of this precious little baby, the joyously singing angels, the humbly worshipping shepherds, the reverently giving wise-men warm our hearts, oh, how much more meaning there is to this story when we delve deeply into the background of this event.

Our human minds just cannot grasp how Jesus, who was equal with God the Father and took part in creation, was willing because of his boundless love, to leave all the glory of Heaven and take on human form and come to live for a time in this world where sin had dominion.

Even though the arrival of the Christ upon earth was a miracle, oh, how great a miracle takes place when any one of us opens his heart and with the complete trust of a little child, asks the Savior to come in! With his saving power and limitless love, he miraculously transforms our hearts and causes our lives to radiate the love and joy that are the fruits of his indwelling Spirit.

As we have heard over and over, there was no room in the inn for the Christ child. Have you personally opened the door to your "heart's inn" and invited the Lord Jesus to come in and live always? If not, do not delay but, at this Joyous Christmas Season, humbly ask the Lord to come and take over your life forever. Then you will have become royalty, for you will now be the child of the King of Kings and you will know Him personally, "Whom to know is life eternal."

Perhaps you feel that you are unworthy to ask Jesus to be your Savior. Just remember, the Bible says, "Whosoever will may come" and you are included! Remember, the humble shepherds were honored by being the first to hear the good news from messengers from Heaven itself! They came with loving reverence to see the Christ child. Remember, later wise men came, doubtless highly educated, wealthy men of different race and culture, and they, too, bowed before the Christ child with loving reverence. So, whoever you are and whatever you are, the Lord Jesus is seeking and longing for you to come to Him and let Him forgive your sins and bless you with an abundant life.

May our hearts eagerly agree with these thoughts of the poet; Christina Rossetti:

"Lord, I will give my love to Thee,
Than gold much costlier,
Sweeter to Thee than frankincense,
More prized than choicest myrrh.
Lord, make me dearer day by day,
Day by day holier."

What can you give the Lord Jesus on his birthday? Your life—totally committed to Him to use in any way He desires for his glory? And in this giving, oh, how much you will be receiving. A life of love, joy, and peace here on earth and untold riches eternally in Heaven as a joint heir with Christ!

Christmas again! And may the Christ of Christmas be more real and precious to you than ever before!

Christmas Greenery Decorations Made By Many Ashe People

This is the time of the year when people of the mountains are cutting evergreens to sell to the rest of the world. Thousands of Christmas trees of various kinds are cultivated in the mountains, especially upon rough land, and when they develop into Christmas tree size, they are cut and put on the market. These trees go to the large cities of North Carolina and adjacent states.

Another decoration that is made in the mountains is the evergreen woven together with string and wire. This is made in ropes of about 25 feet and is made of tips of pine trees which are cut in the woods from the pine trees. These evergreen ropes are used to decorate buildings and for street decorations for the streets and cities that use them. The production of evergreens has become quite a lucrative business in Ashe County as well as many other mountain counties.

Plans For Christmas In Lansing Field

The bell choir of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, will conduct Christmas services at each of the churches on the Lansing Field and at the church in Whitetop. Along with the bell choir the program at Gillespie on Saturday evening, December 20, will include gifts and a banquet with the Steel Creek Church of Charlotte. On Sunday, December 21, at 9:45 a. m., the Westminister Church of Montgomery, Alabama will conduct services at Foster Memorial and at 11:00 a. m. will conduct services at Lansing Presbyterian Church. At 12:30, the Montgomery group will provide gifts and share in a Christmas banquet at Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church. At 4:00, the Second Church, Greenville, S. C., will join the Westminister bell choir in a service at Whitetop to be followed by a distribution of toys and a Christmas banquet.

Mr. And Mrs. Bob Ziebarth Visit

The people of the Glendale Field were delighted to have Bob and Shar-yne visit us Friday, Nov. 28. They arrived late that evening from Columbia, S. C. where Sharyne is completing her senior year at the Columbia Bible College. Bob is working regularly and both Bob and Sharyne are helping in church work by teaching Sunday Classes.

After visiting many friends in the field they ate at the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday night, in the Memorial Building where they met many of their friends. They left for Columbia, S. C. late Sunday night after their welcomed visit. We trust they will visit us again soon.



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NEWS FROM MT.

JEFFERSON CHURCH

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lation service. Misses Jean and Marguerite Smith were presented an engraved tray by Mrs. Bill Neumann from the Mt. Jefferson church members. The children and young people sang songs and the young people presented them an autograph book.

Funeral service for G. T. Badger, Jr. was held on Sunday afternoon October 5, at 3 p. m. from Badgers Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. John Luke, Rev. Ken Morris and Rev. Ed Blackburn conducting the funeral. Burial was in the Jefferson Cemetery.

On Sunday afternoon October 17, at 2 p. m. the funeral for Shirlee E. Ham, an elder in the Mt. Jefferson Church, was held in the church with Rev. Kenneth Morris officiating. Burial followed at Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

A Halloween party for the children of the church, sponsored by Mrs. Martha Hendrix, Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Mrs. Winston Baldwin and Mrs. Ken Cooper, assisted by the young people, was held in the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday afternoon, October 25. A large number of ghosts and goblins appeared on the scene and a good time was had by all.

The Women of the Church had an inspiring meeting on Monday evening, October 27, when Mrs. Charles Lynn Brown of Blowing Rock presented the program for Circle 2 on "The Souls Sincere Desire," stressing prayer. Mrs. Bill Brown, hostess, served refreshments to the large number of members and visitors.

The manse got a new face lift as it got a new paint job done by Arnold Miller and George Hooven. Also, the men of the Church washed windows and did a fine job of house cleaning on Monday evening November 10.

Our thanks also goes out to Winston Baldwin who has done an extra fine job of Sunday School Superintendent.

The first snow of the season fell on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15 but it didn't hamper the church members from attending the worship service on Sunday morning, November 16, to hear Rev. John Gass, our new minister. A fellowship supper was held that evening in the church fellowship hall at 6 p. m. honoring John and his wife Nancy. This was a good time to get acquainted and the little folk, assisted by Mrs. Martha Hendrix and Mary McLaurin, sang a "Welcome" song to them and then introduced themselves. Mary then led the group

in singing, accompanying with her guitar.

Mrs. Martha Hendrix, Ashe County Health Nurse, made a talk and showed a film on Self Examination of the Breast for cancer on Monday evening, November 17.

A county-wide Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Ashe Ministerial Association, was held November 27 at the Creston Methodist Church at 9 a. m. Thanksgiving morning. The Rev. John Duvall, pastor, along with other county ministers, led the worship service.

"My Christmas Joy Gift — A Time For Being A Friend" with Mrs. Joe Williams as chairman, was the topic for the annual Joy Gift program which was held on Sunday evening December 7. The group enjoyed a covered dish supper before the program.

On Sunday evening December 14, at the Mt. Jefferson Church the Ashe County Music Club and the Jefferson Methodist Choir, presented a Christmas Cantata "Born A King" under the direction of Jack Jarrett assisted by Mrs. Wayne Burgess at the piano and Mrs. Lorraine Dickson at the organ.

Christmas tree decorating time has rolled around again. The children and young people had a wonderful time on Friday evening, December 19, making

Will Bare Coaches Junior Basketball

Will Bare is now coaching the Junior Basketball team in the Memorial Building. The team is a very young junior team but is improving greatly. The boys meet on Wednesday night of each week.

the fellowship hall attractive for the big Christmas events ahead. A spaghetti supper, prepared by the young adults, delighted the group very much. A fun hour followed the decorating of the tree and supper.

On Sunday evening, December 21, the children, young people and adult choir of the church will present a Christmas pageant directed by Mrs. Martha Hendrix, Mrs. Lee Eldreth, Mrs. Jim Reeves, Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Mrs. Leonard Severt, and Mrs. Lloyd Jordan. Following the pageant everyone is invited into the fellowship hall for the exchanging of gifts, a "sing along" AND SANTA CLAUS.

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Glendale Springs Women Are Active

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church have been very active this year under the leadership of their President, Mrs. J. L. Dancy. The women are studying the book of Revelation under the interesting teaching of Mrs. Marie Yelanjan.

Each month the women meet and have fellowship around the table of a covered dish dinner. The Thanksgiving dinner was held with Mrs. Wayne Dixon and a delicious meal was enjoyed.

The Women of the Church are sponsoring a nursery at the church for small children and babies to be taken care of during the church services. If you want to worship on Sunday morning and have a restless child, the nursery will be provided to take care of it during the morning service.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

SHIRLEY HAM

Mr. Shirly Ham, 55, of Rt. 3, West Jefferson, died Friday, Oct. 19 at Greensboro, N. C.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Kenneth Morris. Burial was in Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

He was born in Ashe County, N. C. the son of the late Felix and Laura Little Ham. He was a member of Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church and a sales representative for the Glidden-Durkee Paint Company of Reading, Pa. Surviving are his wife, Edna Harrell Ham; two daughters, Mrs. Tommy Howell of West Jefferson and Miss Linda Ham of the home; one sister, Mrs. James Vannoy of Husk, N. C.; one grandchild. The family requests that any memorials may be made to the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson.

MRS. FRANKIE OLIVER DISHMAN

Mrs. Dishman was the widow of Bud Henry Dishman. She was the daughter of Dolphus Oliver and Jane Burgess Oliver of Wagoner, N. C.

Mrs. Dishman was born Sept. 10, 1913 and passed away on Sept. 10, 1975. There were 5 daughters and 3 sons born in this family. She has one sister, Mrs. Connie Bare of Wagoner to mourn her passing.

Frances was a regular attendant at the old Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in her girlhood days, and was a devoted Christian. May God bless those of her family who remain.

ALICE BLEVINS JONES

Mrs. Alice Blevins Jones, 73, wife of Mr. Lester Jones, of R. F. D. Grassy Creek; since 1945 a member of the Lansing Presbyterian Church; died in a Statesville hospital on September 15, 1975. Her funeral was conducted in the Lansing Church on the 17. Her final resting place is in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens. She is survived by her husband; two daughters; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

GUY T. BADGER

Mr. Guy T. Badger, Jr., 52, died suddenly in his home in East Jefferson and his funeral was conducted in the Badger Funeral Home Chapel on October 5. He was buried in the family plot in the Jefferson Cemetery. He was a member of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church. He had been in military service in World War II. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Badger, Sr. His widow, Mrs. Retha Hurley Badger; four daughters; two sons and three sisters.

FLORENCE ROARK BADGER

Mrs. Florence Roark Badger, 75, wife of Mr. Guy T. Badger, Sr. died in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital on October 29, 1975. Her final resting place is in the family plot in the Jefferson Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters; one son; four sisters; one brother; fourteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

THE CHRISTMAS STREET (Margaret Prescott Montague)

Red of holly, swirl of snow,
Scurry of passing feet,
Jumble of people, high and low—
This is the Christmas street.

Work Starts On New County Library

On November 26th the ground was broken for the new Ashe County Public Library. The excavation for the concrete footings was to have been begun the day after Thanksgiving. The site is across the tracks of the Norfolk & Western Railway depot, on the site where the aeroplane had been placed. The County was asked to raise a quota of \$50,000. But the generosity of citizens, the County Commissioners, industries, foundations, banks, stores and artists who gave their pictures, which were sold, the quota was exceeded by \$17,000.00.

The building will have a square footage of 6,500 square feet.

Mrs. Jack Weaver was chairman of the ground breaking program.

White man, black man, bishop, Jew—
Christ was born for all of you!

Cherished children, a hungry tet,
Sad little face and eye;
Chinaman, Negro, polyglot,
Tramp and tramping by.
Rich man, poor man, beggar man, too—
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Brazilian Exchange Students At G. V.

Naldir Santiago, Jr., 16, and his sister, Celina Santiago, 17, of Belem, Brazil will arrive on December 16 to be exchange students for two months at Glade Valley. They will be there to acquire better understanding of the English language so that they may be more qualified for further study here in the States or in Brazil. They will also serve as goodwill ambassadors for their country.

William B. Moseley, Presbyterian U. S. missionary who cooperated in arranging for the students to come writes: "We feel it is one of the best ways to be a good influence for Brazil."

Churches or individuals who would like to entertain these students or show them their community are asked to contact the school. The two will be at Glade Valley until the middle of Feb.

A Prayer For Our Country

(The Man who made the bicentennial possible prays)

Almighty God who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we trust in authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations on the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fall.

All of which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—George Washington

APPROPRIATE HYMN FOR THE BICENTENNIAL

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

Fredrick W. Faber

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When'er we hear that glorious word!
(CHORUS)

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!

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THANK GOD FOR YOU AT THIS CHRISTMAS TIME!

(Author Unknown)

Thank God for you, good friend of mine.

Seldom is friendship such as Thine;

How very much I wish to be

As helpful as you've been to me —

THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Of many prayer guests, one thou art,

We will be true to thee 'till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:

How sweet would be their children's fate,

If they, like them, could die for thee!
(CHORUS)

Faith of our fathers! We will love

Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows

how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
(CHORUS)

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!

We will be true to 'thee 'till death.
Amen

On whom I ask God to impart
Rich blessings from His storehouse rare,
And grant to you His gracious care —
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

When I recall, from time to time,
How you inspired this heart of mine;
I find myself inclined to pray.
God bless my friend this very day —
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

So often, at the throne of Grace,
There comes a picture of your face;
And then, instinctively, I pray
That God guide you all the way —
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Some day, I hope, with you to stand
before the throne, at God's right hand;
And say to you — at journey's end;
"Praise God, you've been to me a friend —
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

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"The Whisper Song"(Selected)
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I want to send a whisper song,
Across the waters blue,
And say to all the children there,
"Jesus loves you, loves you."

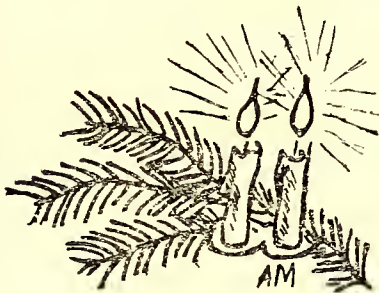
If they should not quite understand,
They'll wonder if it's true,
But I will keep on whispering still,
"Jesus loves you, loves you."

**Preparation For
New Year**

(Selected)

What shall I take into the coming year?
And what shall I leave behind? I asked
my heart,
And quick came the answer: "Lay all
doubts and fear
And anxious care aside before you
start.
Take but life's stark necessities along.
The work of God that you may be kept
fit,
The staff of faith, the lamp of hope, a
song
Of high and dauntless courage; fill
your kit
With laughter, and take happiness to
wear,
'Till cloak you on the bleakest, coldest
day;
And take an apple and a loaf to share
With one who may be hungry on the
way.
Fill your canteen from a wayside well,
You may grow thirsty," said my cau-
tious heart.
And Hark, across the world a midnight
bell
Peel out a summons — it is time to
start.

—Grace Noll Crowell

**A Christmas Prayer**

Rev. Peter Marshall

We thank Thee, O God, for the return
of the wondrous spell of this Christ-
mas
season that brings its own sweet joy
into our jaded and troubled hearts.

Forbid it, Lord, that we should cele-
brate
or like our counterparts so long ago,
fall
to see the star or hear the song of
glorious promise.

As our hearts yield to the spirit of
Christmas, may we discover
that it is Thy Holy Spirit who comes -
not a sentiment but a
power - to remind us of the only way
by which there may be
peace on the earth and good will
among men.
May we not spend Christmas, but

Because Of Jesus

Selected

I look at my hands and I think of
Yours,
Forever scarred for me.
My feet must walk straight because
Your feet
Went stumbling, to a tree.
My eyes will hold pity because Your
eyes
Look down, and pity me.
My heart will forever sing a song,
For Your heart set it free.

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keep it,
that we may be kept in its hope,
through Him who emptied Himself in
coming to us that we might be
filled with peace and joy
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—Peter Marshall as Chaplain, United
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On Saturday, 11th of Oct., an interesting softball game was played between the junior boys of the Warrensville Methodist Church and the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The game was played on the softball field back of the Glendale Springs Church. Will Bare who has coached the Glendale Juniors thought it was a very good match for the inexperienced youngsters.

Landing Of The Pilgrims

Felicia Hemans

The breaking waves dashed high
On a stern and rockbound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
Their giant branches tossed;

And the heavy night hung dark
The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their
bark
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,
They, the truehearted, came;
Not with roll of stirring drums,
And trumpet that sings of fame;

Not as the flying come,
In silence and in fear —
They shook the depths of the desert's
gloom
With their hymns of lofty cheer. .

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas? The spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine!

Aye, call to holy ground,
The soil where first they trod;
They have left unstained what
There they found —
Freedom to worship God!

God's "No" Means "Something Better"

(Selected)

God's "no" means "something better"
I can trust Him with my all.
The God who formed the Universe
Attendeth when I call;

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"And The Word Was Made Flesh"

Lawrence Housman

Light looked down and beheld Dark-
ness.

"Thither will I go," said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War,
"Thither will I go," said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred.
"Twither will I go," said Love.
So came Light and shone.
So came Peace and gave rest.
So came Love and brought Life.

And when in love and wisdom
He witholds my heart's request,
His "no" means "something better" —
He will give me what is best.
God's "wait awhile's bring blessings
That His "right away's withhold
When He's tried me in the the fire
I shall then come forth as gold.
O what peace comfort fills by breast
Just to know, what'er His answer.
He will give me what is best.

The Little New Baby

Elanor Hammond

The little new Baby asleep on the hay
And shepherds came near and knelt
there to pray,
And kings from the east brought gifts
where He lay.

But when all was quiet and twilight
was near
The Inn Keeper's children came tip-
toe to peer
At the little new Baby, so tiny and
dear.

The Inn Keeper's children peeped, shy
and discreet,
At his downy bright head and his
little pink feet
And whispered together: "How small!
And how sweet!"

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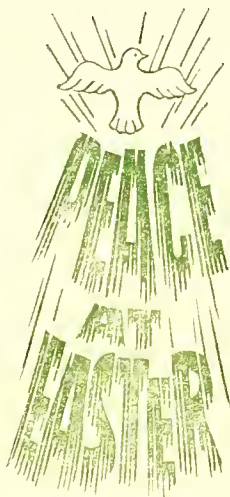
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REV. JOHN GASS



"The First Easter"

"IT BEGAN TO DAWN"

IN THE END OF THE SABBATH. AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN TOWARD THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. CAME MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY TO SEE THE SEPULCHRE.

AND BEHOLD. THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE: FOR THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN. AND CAME AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE FROM THE DOOR. AND SAT UPON IT.

HIS COUNTENANCE WAS LIKE LIGHTENING. AND HIS RAIMENT WHITE AS SNOW:

AND FOR FEAR OF HIM THE KEEPERS DID SHAKE. AND BECAME AS DEAD MEN.

AND THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THE WOMEN. FEAR NOT YE: FOR I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK JESUS. WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED.

HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN. AS HE SAID. COME SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.

AND GO QUICKLY. AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD: AND, BEHOLD. HE GOETH BEFORE YOU INTO GALILEE: THERE SHALL YE SEE HIM: LO. I HAVE TOLD YOU.

MT. 28:1-7.

Glendale And Laurel Fork Youth Active

A group of young people along with their pastor Rev. Wayne Dixon attended the Missions Youth Rally at The First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, N.C. on February 8th.

"The New Vibrations," a singing group from the Idlewild ARP Church in Charlotte, and "Into All The World," a pageant dealing with the history of the Presbytery of Concord and the development of its mission program, were high-lights of the annual Rally.

Five PCUS missionaries appeared at the climax of the pageant to speak briefly of their work overseas: Miss Louise Fleming, Zaire; the Rev. Betts Huntley, Korea; Mrs. Laura Williams, Miss Sherron George and the Rev. J. D. Revis, Brazil. "The Challenge Of The Future" was chosen by Miss Millicent Honeycutt, missionary on furlough, as the topic for the closing message. Response of the young people of the Presbytery in attendance, interest and participation was outstanding as reported by the committee.

A large group of young people along with many adults had a great time trying their "Luck and Skill" at ice skating at the Polar Palace in Boone in February. Although there were many thrills and spills, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. This group had planned to try the ski-slopes, but mother nature failed to produce the required little white flakes.

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Rev. Robert Miller Serves Lansing Field

Recently Rev. Robert Miller, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian of Montgomery, Ala. and three of his laymen spent three days in Ashe County, holding meetings in the Lansing Field which consists of the Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie and White Top Churches. White Top is in the edge of Virginia near the N. C. and Va. line. In some of the churches services were held on Sabbath morning and in the evening. In the remaining churches services were held at 7:30 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. After the last service they were carried to the Bristol airport and a Montgomery plane carried the men back home and to their positions of duty on Wednesday morning.

For several years the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, has shown a great deal of interest in Ashe County. They have helped in many ways — The Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Christmas Programs with gifts for many, and for evangelistic meetings as described above.

News From Mount Jefferson Church

ORDINATION SERVICE

The most significant thing to happen at Mt. Jefferson this winter was the ordination and installation of Mr. John Gass as the pastor of the Mt. Jefferson Church. On February 15, 1976 John was ordained by a Commission of the Presbytery of Concord, and installed as the pastor of the church. The Commission of Presbytery which ordained John was composed of three ministers and three Ruling Elders. The three ministers were Dr. George Jackson, President of Glade Valley School; Rev. C. Wayne Dixon, of the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches; and the Rev. David Long, of the First Presbyterian Church in Poone. Ruling Elders who participated in the service were Mr. John F. Reeves and Mrs. Mannon B. Eldreth of Mount Jefferson Church and Ruling Elder Walter Osborne, of the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

John had been serving at Mt. Jefferson Church since November 16, 1975, in an unordained capacity, awaiting final confirmation of the Presbytery of Concord before he could be ordained and officially installed as the pastor of Mt. Jefferson Church.

The ordination service was attended by a good crowd and was followed by a reception which was held in honor of John and his wife, Nancy.

ELDER INSTALLED

On February 29, 1976, Mrs. Mannon B. Eldreth was installed as a Ruling Elder in the Mount Jefferson Presby-

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HAL - LE - LU - JAH! CHRIST AROSE!

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EASTER

By: John Gass

(EDITORIAL)

"That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem . . . and they said, we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel."

"We had hoped, we had hoped." Have you ever heard that said by anyone before? Unfilled hopes seem to be the lot of almost everyone, at one time or another in their life.

Spring seems to be a great time of refreshing for many people. Flowers blooming, gardens being planted, Easter services, and family reunions make this a time of year for renewed hope. But despite the lift that Spring seems to bring to many people, it does not erase the fact that often our hopes have been dashed by some event that we could not control or forces over which our finite power could not prevail.

Is that true for you? If so, Easter is for you. There is hope this Easter because hopeless men have been given hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Often we think we are different than other people because we have experienced a particular problem or disappointment which they have not. That is perhaps how those two men on the road to Emmaus felt that day, as they talked about the hope that they had had in Jesus, which hope has now been destroyed.

"We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel," they said. But now all that was gone or so they thought. All they could talk about now was the good-old-days. All they could talk about now were the days when Jesus walked among them.

Now all they seemed able to do was to occupy themselves with the fact that he had been killed and that their great hope for Israel and themselves had now been lost forever.

Often it is the unfilled expectations of our lives which cause us to cry out to God. These two men who walked on

SPRINGTIME LAUGHTER

By: Rev. John Johnson

(EDITORIAL)

Her name, Sarah. God speaks to her husband through a strange man: "I will surely return to you in the Spring" and Sarah your wife shall have a son." She secretly listens to this glad word of hope from just inside

the road to Emmaus that morning had expectations. They had expectations which had been dashed (or so they thought) by the end of Jesus' life. They didn't even seem to have been given a glimmer of hope by the report that Jesus' tomb had been found empty. All they had learned from the report was that Jesus had not been seen. How ironic. They could not see Jesus either, despite that fact that they walked along with him and conversed with him about the events which had taken place in Jerusalem. Well, Why didn't they see Jesus? Apparently, they were in such a heart of mind that they could not see Jesus. Apparently, they had expected Jesus to bring in an ideal world, one that would be politically, economically and religiously secure for them.

It is significant that Jesus was seen by his followers when he sat and broke bread with them. It was then that they recognized him. It was this that they reported when they returned to Jerusalem and reported the incident to the rest of the disciples. They said, "He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

In the breaking of the bread? Yes, in the breaking of the bread, then they were able to see Jesus for themselves. The Scriptures tell us that, "Christ died for our sins, that he was buried and that he was raised from the dead on the third day." These three elements of Jesus' career are always put together because it is in understanding why Jesus died that we can gain hope from his resurrection from the dead. After all, if God desired, he could have raised any man from the dead. But it is Jesus God raised from the dead. In raising Jesus from the dead, God put his stamp of approval upon the spectacle of the cross. It is God's stamp of approval upon his way of salvation. It was God overcoming sin and its penalty of death by utterly destroying both death and hell, by the offering of himself on our behalf. Jesus gave us hope by destroying the enemy of hope which is sin and death. Truly, Jesus dying and rising from the dead was the "death of death in the death of Christ." Jesus rising from the dead confirmed God's victory over both sin and death, and once and for all put to death the enemies of hope.

When Jesus broke the bread for his followers that day, he was saying, "Look at my death, and the reason I suffered, I didn't redeem 'Israel,' it didn't need redeeming. I redeemed you, and because I did, you will one day no longer know death or suffering or hopelessness. I am the author of genuine hope and have demonstrated that by rising from the dead confirming and my power over death."

"O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" Christ is risen and is alive forever. Because he lives, we will live also.

their tent door. But at her age it all seems ridiculous, that she laughs at the idea, silently. She didn't want the stranger to know that she was laughing at the absurdity of having a child at her age.

In the drama the Lord is in the stranger and He knows what Sarah is thinking. He turns to Abraham and says, "Why did Sarah laugh?" She now takes a step out the tent door and denies, "I did not laugh." She is afraid to admit that she has laughed at what possibly may have been a divine message. The stranger speaks up firmly now, "No, but you did laugh." She listened, she laughed, she lied.

What could have been to her a divine message, was only an absurd illusion. This was her supreme error, not to be on the lookout for God, the eternal Source of good for all beings, even in the most unlikely circumstances. To laugh when she could have been learning. To make a joke out of a creative possibility. Eccl. 3:4 knows, "There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh." Or as Jesus put it, "Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep." He had the deepest joy. Yet he knew that to live mostly for surface amusement, laughing and joking over trivial nothingness, or over some twisted sense of moral values — was a forecast of frustration in the Winter ahead.

Sarah's laugh that day, though silent, was loud enough to keep her from hearing the voice of God. Let us admit that it is easier to hide from the actual "it" by the kind of laughter that can be gotten from a can of beer or from the coarse humor of some sexy or simple-minded scene. But that sort of joyless humor, awakens no Springtime to warm the heart. It is so easy to dim His voice, with a hollow laugh.

Indeed there is "a time to laugh". As with Sarah, God keeps working within us in spite of all our vanity and scorn. After a long, hard winter of wind and cold, Springtime finally came again, as the stranger had said — and a son was born! Sarah laughs again! But now, it is a wholesome, healthy laugh, for God was in it. She could say, "God has made laughter for me." She now saw that God was active in his birth. She knew that if she let Him work through her, He could bring blessings to all the nations of the world. This new idea of laughter meant so much to her, she wanted to be constantly reminded of it. So she named the newborn son, "He Laugheth." That's what the name "Isaac" means.

Said the Savior, "That my joy may be in you." Joy lives, we laugh! Spring rises, A Son is born!

Baptisms And Membership

JOHN HIRAM YEARICK

On March 7th at 3 p. m. John Hiram Yearick, who had been badly wounded in a motorcycle accident, was baptized in his home and is under the watch-care of the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS B. JACKSON

On March 9th, Mr. Thomas B. Jackson was baptized in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital and became a member of the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson, N. C.

NEWS FROM MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH

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terian Church at the 11:00 A. M. worship service. Mrs. Eldreth is a native of Ashe County. The Eldreths have two children, Ellen and Danny and live in the Beaver Creek section of Ashe County.

Mrs. Eldreth who works at the Ashe County Day Care Center for the Mentally Retarded will make a welcomed and valuable addition to the leadership of the Mt. Jefferson Church.

On March 28, 1976, Mount Jefferson held its first Family Night Supper of the year. The supper held at 6:00 p. m. in the evening was sponsored by the Ecumenical Mission and Relations Committee of the Women of the Church. The supper afforded members of the church the opportunity to learn about what Presbyterian missionaries are doing overseas today. The speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Southall, former PCUS missionaries and well qualified to speak on what is happening in the area of missions.

GLENDALE AND LAUREL FORK YOUTH ACTIVE

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that was needed at the proper time.

The young people of the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Churches would like to plan a trip to Six-Flags and also see the Atlanta Braves this summer. If your church would like to enter into an exchange with ours, let us know. It would be a "Rough-In", we have a gym with showers, cooking, etc. Write: Rev. Wayne Dixon, P. O. Box 51, Glendale Springs, N. C. 28629.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

THOMAS JEFFERSON COX, SR.

Thomas Jefferson Cox, Sr. of 1112 Hinshaw St. passed away Friday, Jan. 2 in the Wilkes General Hospital.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p. m. Sunday in the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel. Burial was in the Mount-lawn Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gladys Woodie Cox; two sons, Hiram Woodie Cox of Rt. 6 North Wilkesboro. and Thomas Jefferson Cox, Jr. of Isabella St., Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Mrs. Carol C. Gibson of 500 Rand Blvd., High Point; and one sister, Mrs. Artie Belle Reise of South Portsmouth, Ky. Tom was a member of Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, Laurel Springs. May God bless

and comfort those who mourn his passing.

MRS. ALLIE BROOKS GRAYBEAL

Mrs. Allie Brooks Graybeal, 80 years and 9 months of age of Lansing, and a long time member of the local Presbyterian Church was called of God on Jan. 3rd after a lingering illness in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church on Jan 5th.

Mrs. Graybeal, who formerly was a member of the Methodist Church united with the Presbyterian Church shortly before her son, Dr. Dawes Graybeal, came into the Lansing Church. She has been a faithful Christian, and active in her church as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by two daughters; two sons; one sister; three brothers; five grandchildren; one great-grand-

child, and a host of friends. She was the widow of the late Mr. Byron William McKinley Graybeal. May God bless those who mourn the passing of a devoted Christian mother.

MRS. GRACE BALDWIN STANSBERRY

Mrs. Grace Baldwin Stansberry, a member of Gillespie Presbyterian Church, who had lived in Richmond, Va. for a number of years passed away in a hospital in that city.

Her funeral was conducted in the Badger Funeral Home Chapel in West Jefferson on Feb. 21st. Her final resting place was in the Baldwin Cemetery located above the Mount Rogers School in Virginia.

She is survived by a daughter who lives in Richmond and by a son, Mr. Ezel Stansberry of West Jefferson, N. C.

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Chris And Sheri Lubekemann Visit

On Sunday, Feb. 8th the Lubekemanns visited Glendale Springs having come on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill entertained Chris, Sheri, and their other two children, Stephen and Sharon.

Chris, in his college days at Columbia Bible College, worked in the Glendale Springs Field of churches for two summers. Since then Chris worked in two or three churches in youth work, and married one of his college school mates, Sheri. They have been working as missionaries in Portugal, Europe, under The Evangelical Mission Board.

According to Chris Portugal is in a much disheveled condition politically — the Communist Party trying to take over the country.

The Lubekemanns are doing a fine work under the mission board, and are now on vacation at home and doing itinerary speaking for the mission work.

Chris and Sheri made some very interesting talks at Sunday School at Glendale Springs, and Chris showed slides Sunday night on the work in Portugal.

Everyone enjoyed seeing Chris and his family for they had made many friends in this field while working with us for four summers. We pray God will bless the Lubekemanns in the wonderful work they are doing in the old country of Portugal in Europe. We hope Chris and his family will visit us again for we have not forgotten his good work with us while in college at Columbia Bible College.



MISSIONARIES FROM PORTUGAL visit Glendale. Shown here are Chris and Sheri Lubekemann and family.

President Greets Athletes; Gives Bibles At Brunch

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Washington — President Ford welcomed 90 professional athletes and coaches from around the nation at a White House prayer brunch Sunday.

Eight athletes, introduced by Ford's longtime Michigan friend and evangelist, the Rev. Billy Zeoli, gave testimonials at the brunch held in the East Ballroom.

There were some 200 guests, including spouses, and President Ford made brief remarks welcoming them.

Dave Boyer, a former nightclub singer from York, Pa., sang "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and "America the Beautiful."

Elvin Hayes of the Washington Bullets basketball team gave the invocation.

The athletes who gave testimonials were: Norm Evans of Miami Dolphins; Madeline Manning Jackson of Cleveland, 1968 Olympic goldmedal winner in the 800-meter run; Calvin Jones of

the Denver Broncos football team; Jim Kaat of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team; Rik Massengale, a pro golfer; tennis star Dennis Ralston; soccer

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RUFUS LONG

Rufus Long Visits
Glendale Springs

Rufus Long and two of his children, George and Lucy, paid a visit to the Marse at Glendale Springs on Dec. 31. Rufus, as many know, is a native of Ashe County having been raised in the Eberezer Community. While mentioning his family he has one son who is studying to be a minister at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Rufus is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Long of Ashe County.

Rufus graduated at Davidson College and took graduate work in the Wharton Banking School in Philadelphia, Pa. Since then he has worked with the Wachovia, the N. C. National Bank, and the First Virginia Bankshares, in Arlington, Va.

In 1966 he joined the U. S. Agency for International Development of foreign countries. He spent 5 years in South Korea handling a \$49 million loan for the U. S. Government and organizing banks in that country.

In 1973 to '75 Rufus was in South Vietnam until the invasion of North Vietnam.

Currently he is assigned to the Asia Bureau, and is responsible for banking programs in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh. He spent some time in Jordan for the government. While here he enjoyed seeing the Holy Land and seeing the historical places of Palestine.

Rufus says his travels have brought him in contact with many people of the world of all colors and religions. He says our Missionaries of various denominations have helped bring healing of body and mind and a better life to millions of people throughout the world and we should be grateful to them and continue our support.

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The Civic Club of West Jefferson showed their appreciation of the clergymen of their county by having a

He says having the opportunity to see many of the continents of the world, he still prefers Northwestern North Carolina and plans to return there to retire.

large poster on the edge of West Jefferson announcing the Clergy Appreciation Week in honor of the clergymen of the county. The Civic Club also honored the clergymen of the Ashe Ministerial Association by inviting them to a dinner on the evening of Feb. 5 at Bennett's Restaurant. Certificates of appreciation were given to those ministers who attended. The National Clergy Appreciation Week was on the dates of Feb. 1 through the 7th. The ministers of the county were very appreciative of this gesture of honor in recognizing them.

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Glendale Now Has Fire Dept.; Help Is Needed

(Copied from The Skyland Post)

The newly organized Glendale Springs Volunteer Fire Department will conduct a house-to-house canvas soliciting funds and donations to purchase equipment and a building. The following firemen will be in these areas:

Don Long, Idlewild Road to Deep Gap; Russell Hanes, Reno Road to Glendale Springs; Casey Miller, Bruce Dillard Road area; Charles Moore, Glendale Springs - Ore Knob; Dean Taylor, Buttermilk Road, Poe Road, and Bear Creek Road; Georgie Bare and Annie Hall, Cherry Hill area; Paul Hall, Ebenezer Road to Laurel Springs.

Robert Bare is the newly elected chief and Kyle Mash is the assistant chief. Dean Taylor, Paul Hall and Tom Craven are the elected captains.

Anyone wishing to send a direct contribution may send it to Mr. Larry Elliott, co-o Glendale Springs, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, owners and operators of Lee's Restaurant, will provide a meal to the general public on April 9 (Friday) from 4:30 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. The menu will consist of beef, ham and turkey, plus vegetables. All proceeds will go to the Glendale Springs Volunteer Fire Dept.

The firemen are planning an auction in the near future and would appreciate anything that anyone can contribute. They will pick it up at your home if you will let it be known to any of the firemen.

The board of directors of the newly organized fire department has already made an agreement to purchase a building and property in Glendale Springs and also are making arrangements for the purchase of a pumper fire truck and tanker.

The fire dept. meets the first Monday in each month at 7 p. m. at the Luke Memorial Bldg. in Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

They would appreciate any and all support.

A Call To Prayer In '76

By Bonnie Barrows

(From Decision)

In our endeavors to relive American history in 1976, one chapter may be tragically missing: the remembrance of an America born on its knees. How far have we come from the days when prayer was the first order of business from the homes to government halls? Diaries and writings of our founding fathers portray people of prayer, people who proclaim without embarrassment their dependence on God.

During our nation's 200 years, 181 declarations of prayer and thanksgiving have been issued. Prior to April 30, 1973, 110 years had gone by since the last official national day of humiliation, prayer and fasting. As the prayer life of the people has gone, so has gone the nation.

In this year of celebration is it possible that God could bring spiritual birth to thousands? There is no ques-

Follow Me

By Vivian Hackney

"I am the resurrection;
Follow Me and you shall live.
Follow Me for life eternal."
What Greater gift has He to give?

"Follow Me!" Have we obeyed Him?
Do we walk in love and light?

ion that he could. The real question is, will we meet his conditions?

Thousands of Christians across America are uniting on the first Friday of each month during the bicentennial to pray, fast and say, "Yes, we want to meet God's conditions." Will you join this prayer fellowship? If you are in a prayer group, share this challenge with them. If there is no prayer group, pray alone or start a group in your home or church. Then pray for spiritual rebirth and for the government and its leaders. Pray that America will return to her knees. "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge

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Holding Office In The Fear Of God

The political pot is boiling these days and men are recommending themselves to the American people as their candidate for president.

We hear candidates knocking one another and praising themselves. When a man has to knock his opposition to gain office, I loose confidence in the knocker not the one he is down grading.

We hear so many politicians today accusing the American people of losing confidence in the government. Did the candidate who knocks the other ever think about how he is destroying the confidence of the people in their government? If the candidate who has been down graded gets into office, his character has already been picked to pieces by another. How can the people then have confidence in those who are put in office. The ambitious politician should be careful what he says that he does not destroy the confidence of the people in his opposing candidate. He should not shake his finger at the American People, but he should listen to the words of the prophet when he said to David the King, "Thou are the man."

David was one of the greatest kings of Israel, although he sinned greatly and was forgiven by God. David out of his years of experience as a ruler said these words:

"He that ruleth over men, must be just ruling in the fear of God." II Sam. 23:3.

Let the candidates who seek office take to heart these words of an experienced ruler — You must be honest, just and fair, and govern in the fear of God.

Remember The Sabbath Day

In an editorial entitled "Happy Bicentennial" by Dr. James P. Westberry the editor of the magazine "Sunday", Dr. Wasberry quotes and points out the truth in the book, "The Lord's Day" by Paul K. Jewett as follows: We quote: "In his great book on "The Lord's Day" Paul K. Jewett well says: "Before we condemn the greed of the Jewish stockholders in the chain grocery store business, let us remember how many Christians find it convenient to buy their gasoline on their way to church, and their groceries on the way home from church." It is not true that "the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God" (I Peter 4:17)?"

Dr. Wesberry states "We submit that one of the most important keys to the happiness of individuals and a nation is to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" in the light of the teachings of Jesus Christ" I add to this, the ten commandments were not given to burden us but to teach us to live in peace and happiness with each other and God. May we learn this during the Bicentennial year and practice it.

Rev., Mrs. Johnson Are Grandparents

On Feb. 27th, Elizabeth Sherwood McLean was born to Mr. James H. and Barbara Johnson McLean in Wilmington. Barbara is the daughter of Rev. John and Maxine Weaver Johnson of Ashe County. The Johnsons visited their daughter the week when Elizabeth was born. We congratulate the Johnsons on the arrival of their new granddaughter.

Rev. Dawes Graybeal With Concord Pres.

Rev. Dawes B. Graybeal has recently been transferred from Fayetteville Presbytery to Concord Presbytery. Dawes is a product of Lansing Presbyterian Church of Ashe County and has been doing a very successful work in the Eagle Springs and Ben Alen Presbyterian Churches of Fayetteville Presbytery. Dawes will take the min-

Farrington-Miller United In Matrimony

Janet Lynn Farrington and Jeffery C. Miller were married in the Smethport Baptist Church Saturday, Feb. 14, at 4 p. m. Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Farrington of Glendale Springs, and Jeffery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Miller of Glendale Springs. Rev. Haskel Boyce of Pa. performed the wedding ceremony.

A reception was held after the wedding in the Memorial Building of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church where many friends and relatives gathered to wish the bride and groom well. May God bless these young people who have established a home and may it be a Christian home is our prayer.

istry of the Unity Presbyterian Church at Denver, N. C. We welcome Dawes into the Concord Presbytery. He was examined and ordained by the Old Winston-Salem Presbytery.

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When softball season arrives it is hoped that a barbeque will be held and some equipment can be bought for the boys. Some of the needs are bats, balls, gloves, and softball shoes. Will is planning to fill-up holes with earth and level off the ball field this spring, also put new grass on bare places. Lets help in this improvement of the field.

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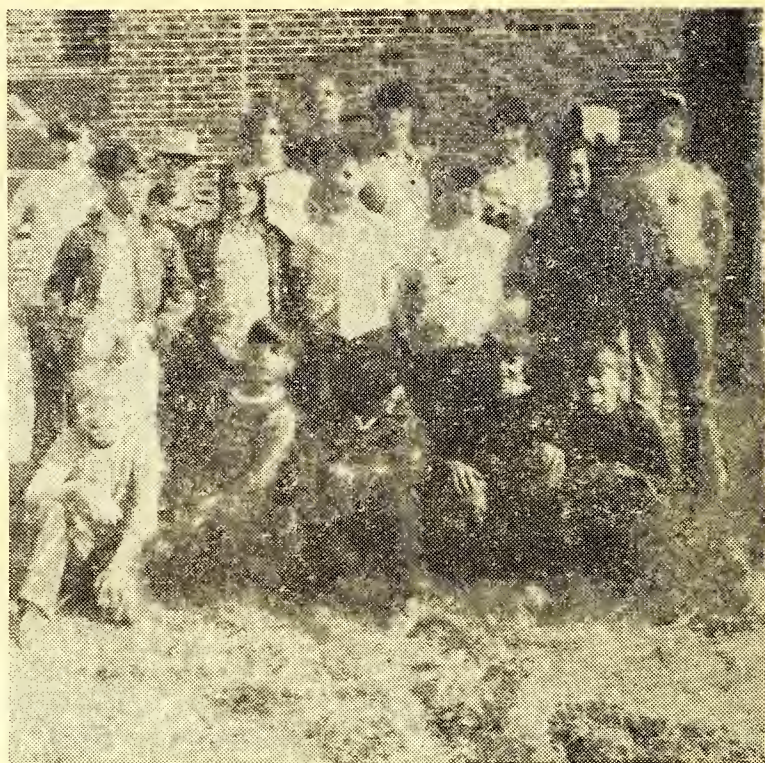
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